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AFTER SHOCK SENATE UPSET, IMRAN SECURES TRUST VOTE

The Pakistan PM got 178 votes on Saturday after the 10-party Opposition boycotted the voting alleging procedural lapses

SHOW OF STRENGTH TO BOOST PARTY MORALE

Imran Khan is not required to prove his majority under the amended Pakistani constitution. The unilateral call was seen as Imran's attempt to boost his party's morale after Wednesd ay's defeat of his finance minister to ex-PM Gilani, who was backed by the Opposition amalgam PDM. Imran needed 172 votes to stay at helm in the House of 342 | P12

OPPOSITION LEADERS MANHANDLED

- Days after questioning the Election Commission's role in the Senate upset, Imran promised electoral reforms, including introducing EVMs and granting voting rights to oveseas citizens
- Unsavoury scenes were witnessed outside Parliament when Imran's supporters tried to disrupt a presser by the PDM leader

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VOTES SECURED BY IMRAN'S PAKISTAN TEHREEK-I-INSAF THREE YEARS AGO

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CD scare: 6 ministers get court injunction

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WITH sleazegate already scalping one minister in the B S Yediyurappa cabinet, six others — Shivaram Hebbar, B C Patil, S T Somashekhar, Dr K Sudhakar, Narayana Gowda and Byrathi Basavaraj, on Saturday secured a temporary injunction from a city civil and sessions court restraining the media from telecasting or publishing any news or showing footage and pictures defamatory.

Judge D S Vijaya Kumar passed the order after hearing the interlocutory application filed by the ministers, expressing apprehension that their reputation would be harmed using fake CDs. This came a day after former Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi got a similar injunction order.

The ministers approached the court with a suit to restrain media from publishing or telecasting unverified allegations against them, after reports in a section of media said that there are about 19 CDs on sex scandals related to several MLAs and ministers, including an influential politician from Old Mysuru region.

Sudhakar even hinted that more ministers may approach courts soon seeking similar relief, even as Byrathi Basavaraju remained incommunicado after he reached Mangaluru on Saturday.

The development comes two days before the Chief Minister is to present the State Budget on Monday and could put the government in an embarrassing situation.

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Stick to basics to nip 2nd wave, Centre tells states

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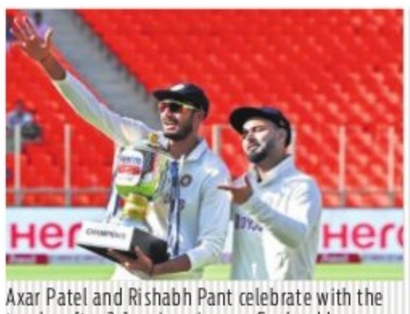
AMID concerns that the second wave of Covid-19 is spreading across the country, the Centre has urged states to return to the fundamentals of pandemic control — test, track and treat.

During a meeting on Saturday, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan and V K Paul, member (health) Niti Aayog, asked top officials from Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi and Chandigarh to increase the share of RT-PCR tests in districts that depend on rapid antigen testing. These states, apart from eight others that have been a cause for concern, have seen increased positivity rate and higher number of daily positive cases.

In a detailed presentation, it was pointed out that nine districts in Delhi, 15 in Haryana, 10 each in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, nine in Himachal Pradesh, seven in Uttarakhand, two in Goa, and one in Chandigarh continue to be of concern owing to drop in the total number of tests being conducted. P5



Axar Patel and Rishabh Pant celebrate with the trophy after 3-1 series win over England | AFP

INDIA STORM INTO WTC FINAL

Axar Patel and R Ashwin made a mockery of England to skittle them out for just 135 runs in the second innings on Saturday. India won by an innings and 25 runs to storm into World Test Championships final | P15

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Taapsee, Anurag resume shooting for 'Dobaaraa'

Mumbai: Actor Taapsee Pannu and director Anurag Kashyap resumed shooting for their film 'Dobaaraa' on Saturday, both using social media to speak for the first time since I-T raids. P9

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BJP's Suvendu will take on Mamata in Nandigram

The saffron party announced its first list a day after rival TMC named its candidates

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@ New Delhi/Kolkata

WITH the BJP unveiling its first list of 57 candidates for the eight-phase West Bengal Assembly elections on Saturday, the Nandigram constituency is set for a battle of titans after the saffron outfit pitched former state minister Suvendu Adhikari against Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Both the BJP and the ruling Trinamool Congress have fielded heavyweights, hoping to pin down each other in the constituency. BJP national general secretary Arun Singh announced the names of the candidates on Saturday at the party headquarters in Delhi even while the full might of the outfit was busy preparing for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Brigade Ground election rally on Sunday.

The BJP also sought to create another buzz by fielding former IPS officer Bharati Ghosh against another former senior police official, Humayun Kabir, from the Debra Assembly seat. Ghosh had contested the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, but lost.

Suvendu Adhikari and Mamata Banerjee

In line with the open-arm welcome to sitting legislators from other parties, the BJP fielded former CPM leader Tapashi Mondal from Haldia and Sudip Mukherjee, ex-TMC, from Purulia. The two had won the 2016 elections from the same seats. The BJP national general secretary said the first list has 19 Dalits and seven tribals but no minority face.

While the chief minister is banking on her political war cry of *Ma, Mati, Manush*, the BJP is seeking to set the electoral narrative with Adhikari against her. The BJP is hoping that the politically influential Adhikari family can upset the chief minister. P10

Third front taking shape in TN? MNM invites Cong

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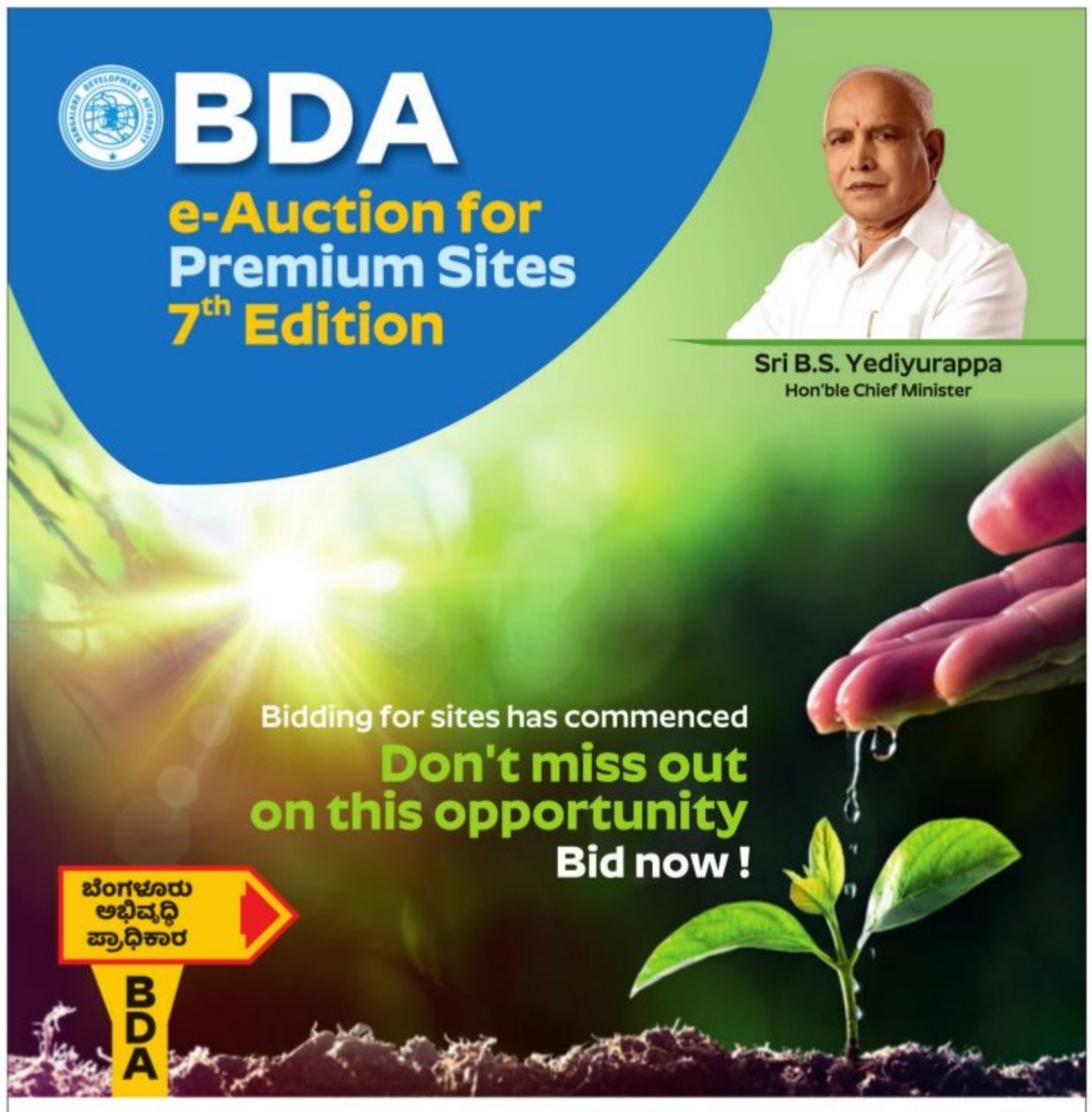
@ Chennai

THE possibility of a third-front taking shape in Tamil Nadu has grown stronger with Kamal Haasan's Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM) inviting Congress to join its alliance, just a day after the grand old party's local unit erupted in outrage over the alleged humiliation that their leaders had to suffer in the hands of DMK counterparts during seat-sharing talks. Congress is yet to respond to the invite, as talks continued with the DMK late into Saturday night.

"MNM will welcome Congress into its alliance," said entrepreneur CK Kumaravel, who is the governing council member of the party.

"Both parties have the same DNA... and intend to bring change in Tamil Nadu. We will anyway do our part for this State. But, it will be good for Congress if they decide to join hands with us." P7



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AT HOME ON THE FIELD

These farmers take care of the home and agri business

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

LIKE most women in rural North Karnataka, Gangavva Avaradi works both in the home and in the outside world. Her day starts at sunrise and involves cooking for the family and packing her own food for work in the fields, running the house, looking after her two young children, and running their vegetable farm and selling its produce.

Growing in a farming family, agriculture had always been familiar. But it was her effort that turned her family's four-acre plot of land in Gamanagatti village on the outskirts of Hubballi into a profitable venture. Her family mainly grew jowar and cotton, but participation in workshops held by the government and NGOs over the years prompted her to take up vegetable farming.

"I took it up because we can earn an income throughout the year," Gangavva says. Now, her family grows jowar and cotton on two acres and she uses the rest to farm vegetables. "Our farm is famous in the village for the variety of leafy greens we grow," she says with pride.

She says that the support of her husband and family has been crucial to her success. "The people of the village also support us. They buy fresh vegetables from us and the rest we sell in the market," Gangavva says.

Her success has been an inspiration to many people in the village, especially women, who have taken up vegetable farming.

In 2015, due to the growing shift to organic cultivation, she decided her farm would be chemical-free. Since then, they have only used jeevamrith as manure. Since the family owns cows, cow dung is used to make organic manure. She also makes organic mosquito repellent out of cow dung and neem leaves. She has made a balm for pain relief with organic materials.

"As of now we are not selling any of the products that we make. We use it for ourselves and the results are positive. We also have a bee farm and soon we plan to come up with our own products which are chemical-free," she says.

About 5km from Gamanagatti is Gangavva Gudashenavar's farm in Unkal. Like Gangavva Avaradi, Gangavva Gudashenavar too has turned around her family's fortunes by introducing dairy farming into the agricultural mix.

"We have a small patch of land in Hubballi and we used to grow a variety of produce. But when we decided to focus more on the dairy business, things started working out for us," she says.

She set up the dairy business for her family a decade ago. Today they have eight cows and two she-buffalos of native breeds. "Dairy business requires time and cattle need a lot of attention. Organic farming and use of local resources to feed cattle are a must to get the best results," she says. All the milk from the farm is sold locally to regular customers.

She attends workshops organised by the government or NGOs regularly to upgrade her knowledge of dairy farming and has even travelled to Singapore and Bangladesh. Her exposure to ideas and information at such workshops, has made her the go-to person for many people for advice on dairy farming.

"The government has several schemes for women who are farmers. Government agencies give loans to women to take up farming, but not many people are aware of it. I have persuaded many women to take up dairy farming even if it's only possible on a small scale," she says.

Her husband Chennappa, who helps her along with their children, is all praise for her. "It's Gangavva's dedication that made the family business a success and brought us a name as dairy farmers. We are called to several farmers' meetings to discuss issues and exchange ideas. We have a good name in Unkal because the milk we sell is famous," he says.

Gangavva Gudashenavar

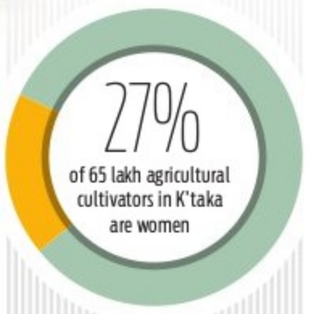
PICS: D HEMANTH

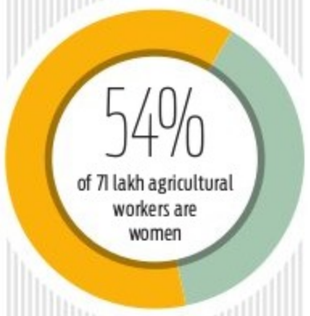
THE WOMEN OF JOIDA

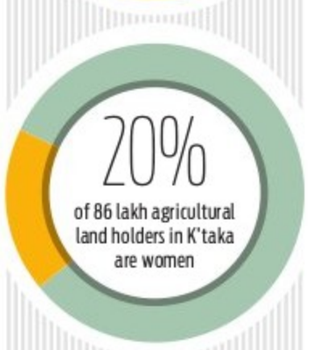
While Joida taluk of Uttara Kannada is unique in many aspects, it is the women who keep the show running after the paddy season is over and the men migrate to Goa and other places in search of work. They continue to farm vegetables for domestic use as well as for sale, and run businesses until the monsoon arrives again.

Women are the backbone of agriculture and the family. They work around 18 hours a day but they do not have land rights or property titles. Men work in the fields for not more than five-and-a-half hours a day on average. The economics of agriculture needs to be studied with a new approach, keeping these hard working women at the centre, and the contribution should be measured accordingly.

— Harshvardhan Sheelvant, green activist and writer, Dharwad







(Source: Census 2011, Agriculture Census 2015-16)

Gangavva Avaradi

LOOKING THROUGH TRANS-LENSES

Thara (right) talks to a visitor about the photo exhibit Kathegala Kanive

MONIKA MONALISA @Bengaluru

FROM working odd jobs and begging to creating a mural for Facebook's headquarters in California, Chandra Hosur's journey has been filled with many bumps. But now, Chandri -- as she is fondly referred to by everyone she knows - is leading a life she loves, thanks to finding kinship and community with fellow members of Aravani Art Project, an art collective that creates safe spaces for the transgender community.

"Before joining the community in 2017, I had a different life. I was a sex worker and also was begging for my livelihood. But now, I don't. My life has changed. I do murals, paint and love the life I lead," says the city-based transwoman, who along with six others, presented photos at a photography exhibition, organised by Aravani Art Project.

Though discussions on transgender rights are entering mainstream discourse and the visibility of transgender people is increasing in daily life, they still face discrimination and stigma. But over the last few months, the members have been learning to capture their stories and Bengaluru, its people and moments, using photography.

Aravani Art Project has been spearheaded by Poornima Sukumar, who started it in 2016. Going down memory lane, Poornima -- a muralist, community artist and documentary photographer – recalls how in 2014 she worked on a film about the transgender community. In the process, she came across the harsh reality of how transwomen are treated in society. But she also met some transwomen who moved on with their lives.

This 'life-altering experience' led to the origin of the art collective, which was formed with a grant commissioned by India Foundation of the Arts. "Initially, I started with just five transwomen and now I'm working with around 30 from Bengaluru, Chennai and Mumbai," says Poornima. So far, the collective has already completed around 60 murals. If you are a daily commuter on Kasturba Road, don't forget to check out the mural on the compound walls of the under-construction building of the Museum of Art and Photography, which was made by these transwomen after the lockdown was eased.

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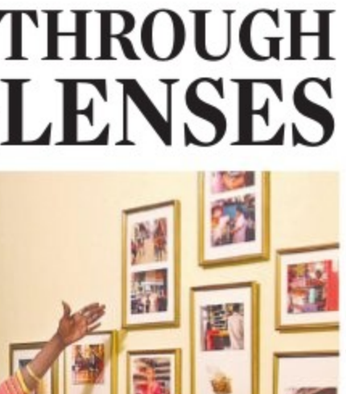
Chandri



Prarthana

While art is at the heart of the community, it is not limited to just paints and brushstrokes. In their latest venture, the team of Aravani Art Project has collaborated with Kanike Studios, an art collective, for a photography exhibition, Kathegala Kanive, which means Valley of Stories. This continued till March 4, at Kanike Studios, Cooke Town.

The project started a month ago when the members were trained in photography. They then got to document their life in Bengaluru and how it has changed. The project took Chandri back to the first time she came to her rented house in Marathahalli. "I wanted to capture how the landowners used to treat us when some others and I started staying there. In the beginning it was different but now they have warmed up to us. They talk to us like any other tenants," says Chandri.

"It's the first time that they had an exhibition like this. The idea was to show the world what they were capable of," says Poornima.

Ecstatic about the exhibition, Chandri could not be thankful enough to Poornima who lent her camera to the team for the project. "Poornima lent her camera to us to practise and we took turns to complete our projects," she says.

"Getting a camera of my own is going to take some time," she says. She too believes that a picture is worth a thousand words.

K'taka's efforts put millets on global map

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA'S push for global recognition of millets got a big boost with the United Nations General Assembly adopting a resolution earlier this week -- initiated by India and other countries -- to declare 2023 as the International Year of Millets.

This could give an impetus to Agriculture Minister B C Patil's suggestion to the state government to include millets in the mid-day meal for schools, and to distribute them in anganwadis to combat malnutrition.

Karnataka has a long history of growing millets, and Byatarayanapura MLA Krishna Byregowda had made a case for its promotion both at the Centre and in the state during his tenure as agriculture minister. His efforts led the Centre to declare 2018 as the National Year of Millets. "We are a pioneer in initiating this and are happy that the UN has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets," Byregowda told *TNSE*.

Byregowda had also launched the Raitha Siri scheme, under which the Karnataka government would give Rs 10,000 per hectare to millet farmers. He also pushed for international recognition for millets at the Food and Agriculture Organisation on an official visit to Rome, where he was invited to speak on Karnataka's experience of millet cultivation.

"For many years, millets were part of our daily diet. It is only in the past 30-40 years that we began adopting polished rice. But now, due to lifestyle diseases and an increase in diabetes, millets will act as a preventive measure," Krishna Byregowda said.

He said there must be a demand for millets in order for farmers to take up their cultivation. "For this, both the State and Central government must create awareness by organising trade fairs. If we take advantage of the UN's declaration, it will be a big boost (to millet cultivation). We need to start preparing right now," he said.

Karnataka has seen over 16 drought years in the past two decades. The advantage of growing millets is that they require less water and are suitable for arid regions. Input cost is low and it is good as fodder. However, the government must encourage companies to set up processing units for millets to help farmers, said a senior agriculture department official.

A B Patil, technical adviser to the agriculture minister and former registrar of the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, said that millets are rich in fibre, iron, vitamins and minerals, that keep the body healthy. They can also boost serotonin levels in the body and help mitigate depression. "The poor man's diet has now become the rich man's diet. Millets are available in star hotels. In Bengaluru alone, more than 400 outlets serve millet dishes," he said.

AREA UNDER MILLETS CULTIVATION IN STATE

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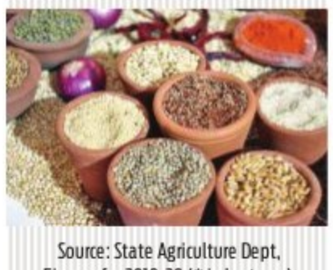
Jowar	9,13,988
Pearl millet	3,28,048
Foxtail millet	37,141
Little millet	15,240



Source: State Agriculture Dept, Figures for 2019-20 (* in hectares)

Big push for 'adopt a zoo' initiative

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

GIVING a boost to the 'adopt a zoo' initiative, the Belagavi zoo will soon have a safari in North Karnataka, which will be the second in the state after Bengaluru Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBBP).

The Zoo Authority of Karnataka is promoting its 'adopt a zoo' initiative to help smaller zoos grow by asking major ones — BBBP and Mysuru zoo — to help them financially and gift them animals. Under this programme, excess animals housed in major zoos are being sent to smaller ones, the most recent being the transfer of three lions from BBBP to Belagavi zoo. Hyenas from Mysuru zoo were sent to Gadag and Belagavi zoos.

BBBP had taken the initiative before the pandemic outbreak to adopt and help Chitradurga and Belagavi zoos. Mysuru zoo is helping Gadag zoo by adopting it.

B P Ravi, ZAK, Director, told *TNSE* that it was the decision of the government council that major zoos would handhold smaller ones. It will help zoos to grow and enable visitors learn about wildlife.

To make this a success, animal keepers are being trained and veterinarians are also being sent to smaller zoos to ensure facilities and requirements are in place. Ravi said that since larger zoos are self-sustained, they have been directed to share a portion of their profits with the smaller ones.

BBBP continues to house the largest number of elephants and will not be gifting any. This is because the smaller zoos — Gadag, Hampi, Shivamogga, Belagavi, Kalaburagi and Davangere — do not have the resources and the funds to maintain them.

IN A FIRST, JUVENILE SAMBAR DEER SIGHTED IN HENNUR

Bengaluru : For the first time, footage of a juvenile Sambar deer was caught on CCTV cameras and camera trap as it was wandering near the Hennur-Horamavu Road, trying to escape from a pack of stray dogs. Forest officials said it was sighted on Friday night near Prestige Golf apartments in KR Puram. "After we received word, we started searching for it, but have not found it. Directions have been issued to search for it late at night and early in the morning. Normally, Sambar deer wander in groups of 2-3. As it is a juvenile, its herd must not be far away," a forest official said. "Animals straying into urban areas indicates that the city is expanding to forest areas and buffer zones are shrinking. We will speak to BBMP officials to control street dogs as they enter forest areas and kill wildlife," the official said. Forest officials are also looking in forest pockets in the vicinity to check if the animal had come from there and if they are infested with stray dogs. "In rare cases, spotted deer are sighted. Once a Black Buck was also sighted. This is the first time we have seen a Sambar deer," the official added.

CCB officials on Friday arrested two men for trying to sell fake gold (1,298 gm). Arjun (31) and Rahul (21) lured gullible people claiming that they had found treasure in their land in Mandya and had come to the city to sell it as they were in need of money. They contacted one Abhishek to sell the gold. Abhishek alerted the CCB, who rushed to a lodge on NR Road and arrested them

HIGH COURT ISSUES NOTICE TO MINISTRIES ON OROP PIL

Beneficiaries facing a financial crisis due to rise in cost of living: Petitioner

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THE Karnataka High Court issued notice to the ministries of defence and finance on a PIL seeking direction to implement recommendation of a one-man judicial committee constituted to resolve anomalies in implementation of One Rank One Pension (OROP) to all pensioners.

The petitioner, Wing Commander GB Athri (retd), contended that both the ministries are aware that around 20 lakh ex-servicemen and 4 lakh widows across the country are beneficiaries of OROP. On account of a rise in the cost of living, they are under financial crisis, he said.

After hearing the petition, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty issued notice to the ministries.

The petitioner has prayed that the court issue directions to the ministries to take immediate steps to refix OROP with effect from July 1, 2019, for ex-servicemen and disburse the same with arrears with immediate effect.

"It is the statutory obligation on the part of the ministries to refix OROP even before expiry of five years. Unfortunately, the ministries have failed in their duty to refix OROP. There is absolutely no rhyme or reason for them to postpone the re-fixation of OROP. It was made clear in the government order dated November 7, 2015, that OROP would be refixed once every five years. It was the result of a three-decade long fight. The five-year term expired last year itself. In spite of it, the ministries failed to re-fix the same," the petitioner said.

Magistrate order on M'luru air crash quashed

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THE Karnataka High Court quashed an order passed by a magistrate in Mangaluru taking cognisance of offences against Air India Limited and Airports Authority of India and their executives Ansbert D'Souza from Mumbai and Peter Abraham from Kerala, in relation to a plane crash that took place in 2010.

Allowing the criminal petitions filed by them, Justice Ashok G Nijagannavar observed that the people sought to be prosecuted were government servants. "Therefore, without sanction to prosecute, the complaint was not at all maintainable," the judge said. The judge also said that the Court of Inquiry report into the incident did not indicate that the petitioners, who have been arraigned as accused, were responsible for the accident. "The conclusion drawn by the Court of Inquiry should not have been overlooked by the magistrate," the judge said.

Bajpe police had registered the case against the petitioners based on the order passed by the magistrate in response to a private complaint filed by 812 Foundation, an NGO, on March 5, 2012, but there was no explanation for the delay in filing the complaint. The petitioners moved the HC seeking to quash the order passed by the JMFC-II Court in response to the private complaint whereby the magistrate took cognisance of the offence along with deemed sanction against the petitioners.

HC imposes ₹3L cost on residents' assn, others

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THE Karnataka High Court imposed cost of ₹3 lakh on the Manyatha Residents' Association and other individuals while allowing appeals filed by Syndicate Bank, Gas Authority of India and one another, with regard to the allotment of civic amenity sites.

A division bench of Justice B V Nagarathna and Justice N S Sanjay Gowda said, "Appeals are allowed with costs being imposed on the petitioners for not having a right to challenge the allotment of the civic amenity sites and not being able to establish any illegality in the allotment."

The allottees have paid a lease amount in crores to the BDA. The allotment is for a period of 30 years and over a decade has been lost in litigation. The uncertainty caused to the allottees must be compensated, the court said.

According to the order, the BDA had allotted civic amenity site Nos. 5 and 6 to the GAIL, at Rachenahalli. The BDA had allotted civic amenity site No.4 to Syndicate Bank and site Nos.2A and 2B to one another. The sites were allotted between 2007 and 2010.

CRIME PATROL

Pillion rider dies after truck rams bike

Bengaluru: In a case of hit-and-run, a 36-year-old cook died after a truck collided with a bike on which he was riding pillion, before hitting two cars. The incident occurred on Nagarabhavi Road on Friday and the truck was found later. The deceased Raju K, a resident of Kurubarahalli, was working with a catering firm. A senior police officer said that around 4.30pm on Friday, Manjegowda, a businessman, was taking Raju to Ramadevara Betta in Kanakapura for a family function. They were passing through Nagarabhavi Road when a truck hit the bike. Raju died on the spot. The truck collided with two other cars also but the driver did not stop and passersby chased him for some distance. The vehicle was found about 2 km away from the accident spot and Byatarayanapura traffic police seized the truck. **ENS**

22-yr-old ends life after recovering from Covid

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A 22-year-old B.Tech student ended his life by coming under a moving train at Aravantikepalya on Friday. He was under depression after recovering from Covid-19, the police said.

The victim Suneel Kumar left home at 6pm on Friday after informing his mother that he was going for a walk, police said. His father told the police that Kumar suffered a Covid attack a month ago and was in coma for four days. After returning home, he became depressed.

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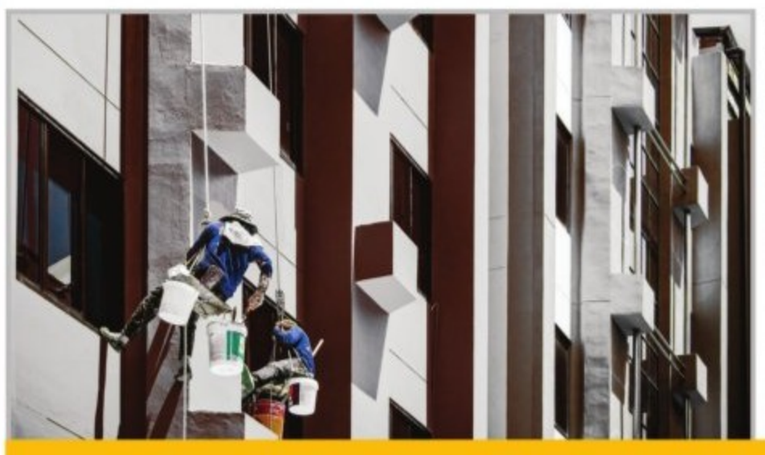

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The Karnataka Congress on Saturday hit out at ruling BJP over the CD gate and six ministers' decision to approach the court. "...because of your (BJP) act, we Kannadigas are bowing head with shame. In spite of all these, you are not feeling shame which is unfortunate. Honeytrap, CD, Operation Kamala are all BJP's invention," the party's state unit tweeted

BJP keeps off, says ministers going to court is 'personal choice'

While Sadananda Gowda says approaching court and creating more confusion in the matter is not good, ministers Sudhakar, Hebbar and others defend action

NARAYANA GOWDA JUSTIFIES INJUNCTION MOVE

Mysuru: Defending their decision to move court and secure an injunction against publication and telecast of defamatory content against them, Minister K C Narayana Gowda, who is one of the petitioners, played the 'fake CD' card and pinned the blame on social media platforms. Speaking about the controversial matter in Mandya on Saturday, Narayana Gowda said they had to take this step to protect themselves from unnecessary hounding by the media, and to prevent their family members from getting hurt by such news. Flaying the comments by Opposition leaders who refer to him as 'Bombay Thief', he said he moved to Mumbai years ago to build a life by staying in the commercial capital of the country for 32 years. "I have neither any case against me nor charges of violating law," he said. Gowda said that not just ministers, many more politicians are in line to file similar petitions in court to save their honour from this false narrative.

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WITH CD-gate taking new twists and turns with every passing day, the ruling BJP seems to have distanced itself from the six ministers' decision to seek an injunction against media from publishing or airing any unauthenticated or defamatory content against them.

Alleging that there is a big political conspiracy to defame them, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, Agriculture Minister B C Patil, Labour Minister Shivaram Hebbar, Cooperation Minister S T Somashekar, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj and Youth Empowerment and Sports Minister K C Narayana Gowda moved court. All of them had jumped to the BJP from the Congress and JDS with Ramesh Jarkiholi in 2019, and helped the BJP form its government in Karnataka.

While Sudhakar maintained that they had discussed the issue with party leaders before approaching court, BJP sources said it was the ministers' individual decision and the party has nothing to do with it. "It is an individual prerogative and the party has not told them to approach court to get an injunction," sources said.

Expressing displeasure over the developments, Union Minister DV Sadananda Gowda said that unnecessarily going to court and creating more confusion over such issues is not good. Gowda, however, said the ministers can individually express their views in court and others cannot interfere with it. "Each individual can think about his future and decide on future course of action, it is left to them," he said, and added that developments in the past few days had embarrassed the party. Indicating that the BJP central leadership has taken note of the developments, Gowda said Jarkiholi resigned immediately.

Earlier in the day, Sudhakar and other ministers said that there seems to be a big political conspiracy to defame them by misusing media, and they approached court to prevent a smear campaign. "It is necessary to put an end to this kind of conspiracy. The government is also thinking of bringing in a law to check this kind of mischief. More ministers are likely to approach court," he said.

He said that if there is truth in the allegations, the culprits must be punished. "No one is above law. But a smear campaign to tarnish image and goodwill is not acceptable. Those who feel they are victimised can go to court and seek justice. But there is a new trend to indulge in hit-and-run allegations. This is unethical, immoral and illegal," he added. Agriculture Minister BC Patil said they had approached court as a precautionary measure.

Police hunt for mystery woman, yet to find clues

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CUBBON Park police looking into the alleged sex tape of a BJP leader, still have no clues about the woman involved in it. Police officers contacted the leader seen in the video to gather details about the woman, but he refused to share any information.

A police officer said that based on a phone call recorded with the leader, police identified the paying guest house in RT Nagar, but she vacated the PG a day before the video went viral. She had got admission in the PG in 2018, and claimed that she worked with an IT company in Rajajinagar. However, she had not provided any company ID card to the PG owner. Two of her friends in the PG had seen her on Monday morning, police added.

Meanwhile, KH Indira, a woman activist, complained to Cubbon Park police to demand legal action against activist Dinesh Kallahalli and Rajashekhar Mulali, accusing them of being part of a deep-rooted conspiracy.

Members of the Nayaka community, who are supporters of BJP leader Ramesh Jarkiholi, stage a protest demanding a CBI probe into the CD-gate controversy, in Mysuru on Saturday | UDAYSHANKAR S

Minister goes off radar after landing in Mangaluru

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URBAN Development minister **Byrathi Basavaraj**, who along with five other ministers, got a temporary injunction from broadcasting and circulating any defamatory news against them from a local court in Bengaluru, has gone incommunicado after he landed in Mangaluru Airport on Saturday.

As per his tour schedule, the minister was to visit Kukke Subramanya Temple and then to Sri Manjunatheshwara Temple in Dharmasthala to offer puja and stay overnight in Dharmasthala on Saturday. On Sunday, he is scheduled to visit Sri Kateel Durgaparameshwari Temple before returning to Bengaluru.

But till 9 pm on Saturday, the minister's whereabouts were not known to any officials or BJP leaders in the district. He did not even visit Kukke Subramanya and Dharmasthala temples. Karnataka Fisheries Development Corporation chairman Nithin Kumar, who along with MUDA chairman Ravishankar Mijar and others, received the minister at airport at 1.30 pm, said they just returned from the airport after the minister got into his car. Kumar said the minister, besides visiting the temples, also had plans to attend a Kambala event near Mangaluru. But sources said he did not go there too. When *TNSE* tried to contact the minister over phone, both his numbers were switched off.

Earlier, speaking to reporters at Mangaluru airport, Basavaraj said they sought a court injunction as they had information about a conspiracy being hatched against them. "We're being targeted as we switched from Congress. Hence, we approached the court. There's nothing more to it," he said.

Asked about the need to approach court and whether 'something' had taken place in Mumbai, as claimed by opponents, he said, "If there is anything, let them release documents'. He further said that they are being targeted for doing a 'good job'. He did not give a direct reply when asked whether Congress is hatching a conspiracy against them.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr K Sudhakar, who was to visit Mangaluru and hold a review meeting, also cancelled his visit.

Issue now in public domain, says DKS

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THE ministers claimed that Ramesh had to resign as minister because the media published or telecast stories without verifying the source and authenticity of the CD, and that sensationalisation of such reports based on unverified, fake CDs will cause irreparable damage.

"At this stage, as can be seen from printouts of screenshots, the news items are apparently of the nature of sensationalisation of unverified material. Not even a clear foundation is available in the said news reports," the judge noted, while passing the order. He was referring to screenshots of news reports on the alleged 19 CDs.

Meanwhile, KPCC president D K Shivakumar, who was in Tumakuru on Saturday, told reporters that the issue is now in the public domain. "We will discuss this with our legislators and proceed further," he said.

I may be next target, fears Shivaram Hebbar

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LABOUR Welfare Minister **Shivaram Hebbar** on Saturday described the controversy surrounding Ramesh Jarkiholi as a political conspiracy, and stated that he moved court as a precautionary measure, and because he fears he could become the next victim.

The Uttara Kannada district in-charge minister told the media that the CD was a conspiracy to malign Jarkiholi. "It is an attempt to target all those who were in Mumbai and responsible for the formation of the new BJP government. We have to keep our guard on," he said.

"Their aim is to assassinate our characters so that people look down upon us. Whether they prove allegations against us or not, our image will be spoilt. Will we be respected by the public?" he added.

Hebbar, who had come from Yellapur to attend the DCC Bank meeting in Sirsi, said he has faced defeat in elections, but cannot face such a situation.

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

'One Nation, One Election should be debated in Parliament, not Assembly'

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

THE debate on 'One Nation, One Election' in the State Assembly on Thursday and Friday, the first two days of the Budget Session, led to ruckus, with the Congress even terming it as "RSS agenda". Except for some speeches amid all the pandemonium, there was no debate on the issue.

Veteran leader and former Law Minister **M C Nanaiah** says it is a long process which has to be first discussed in Parliament and not in the State Assembly. To address most of the issues concerning the elections, the Central Government must make efforts to build consensus on bringing the much-needed electoral reforms and put an end to the "Aaya Ram Gaya Ram" culture (rampant defections), Nanaiah, who was member of the Legislative Council for five terms, feels. Excerpts from an interview:

What are your views on "One Nation, One Election"?

Earlier, elections used to be held simultaneously across the country. But thereafter, we came across a situation where elected governments in states were removed or pulled down by invoking Article 356 of the Constitution by whichever party was in power (at the Centre). We all know what is happening even now and how elected state governments are being destabilised. That is a major concern. The issue of 'One Nation, One Election' has to be discussed across the country and there was no need to take it up for debate in the state Assembly during the Budget Session when a number of other serious issues such as rise in prices of essential commodities and fuel, the grim economic situation and farm crisis need urgent attention.

What are the challenges in implementing such a concept?

We have a federal set-up, and not a unitary government. This issue has to be first taken up by the Election Commission of India. It needs to be discussed in detail in Parliament and all states and the Centre together need to take a conscientious decision if such a thing is possible now. There have to be appropriate amendments to the Constitution. It is a long process and I think, in a federal set-up, it is impossible.

How do we address the concerns over holding elections frequently, especially by-polls, due to defections?

First, we have to bring in electoral reforms and strengthen the Anti-Defection Law. A person elected from a particular party has to be in that party for five years and, in case of defection, they should be automatically disqualified for five years. There is a need to put an end to the "Aaya Ram Gaya Ram" culture (changing parties) that first started in Haryana. The powers under the Anti-Defection Law that are now with the Speaker have to be taken away and given to a High Court judge. It has become a political decision now. I have been saying this for many years. If we are able to tackle the issue of defections, we probably will be able to put an end to much of the maladies in the system.

The argument in favour of the "One Nation, One Election" concept is that we can save a lot of time and resources if elections are held simultaneously, and governments can focus on administration. Do you agree?

I agree with that, but if we have to reach such a situation, we have to first address the issue of defections. The Anti-Defection Law itself is defective and needs to be addressed. But nobody is prepared to do that. If that is done, we will not have defections or frequent elections or the time spent when the Model Code of Conduct is in force. Electoral reforms that we talk about are long overdue. It has to be done dispassionately. In a democratic set-up, it cannot be done by any single party. All political parties must come to a conscientious decision. The Central Government has to take the initiative to build consensus.

RAISING VOICE

Members of Kannada Okkuta, led by former MLA Vatal Nagaraj, stage a protest against Karnataka MPs for their failure to raise the Cauvery water dispute in Parliament, in Bengaluru on Saturday

GOA NAMES OFFICIAL FOR JOINT TEAM ON MAHADAYI

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IN response to Karnataka government's written request, the Goa government has named its member to the Joint Inspection Committee (JIC) to draw up a report on whether water was diverted via Kalasa nala by Karnataka government under the Mahadayi project.

After the Supreme Court ordered the formation of a JIC on February 22, Karnataka named its member on February 28. However, the Maharashtra government is yet to announce its member.

The apex court has directed the JIC to submit its report within four weeks. Many leaders in the state and legal experts are confident that the report will bring out the truth that no water is being diverted via Kalasa nala.

As per the court's directions, the committee is expected to visit the Mahadayi project site at Kankumbi where Kalasa has already been built. Following the Supreme Court's orders, the state government had constructed a wall to halt the flow of water from Mahadayi river a few years ago. And yet, the Goa government filed a contempt petition with the Supreme Court alleging water was diverted via Kalasa nala by the state government. Eventually, the court directed the formation of the committee.

According to sources, Goa named M K Prasad, Assistant Executive Engineer of Water Resources Department of Goa, as its member on the JIC while Karnataka has already announced Krishnoji Rao, Executive Engineer from Water Resources Department as its member.

EXPRESS READ

Kabaddi match clash: Police arrest Bhadravathi MLA Sangamesh's son

Shivamogga: Bhadravathi police have arrested Basavesh, son of MLA B K Sangamesh, who was allegedly absconding after a clash that took place on February 28. He was arrested in Challakere of Chitradurga district on Saturday. On February 28, a clash broke out between Congress and BJP workers during a Kabaddi match held in Bhadravathi. BJP leaders alleged that Basavesh assaulted BJP workers when they chanted 'Jai Sri Ram' and 'Bharat Matha Ki Jai' during the match. The MLA tried to rake up this issue in the Assembly and removed his shirt in protest and was suspended for a week by the Speaker. ENS

6 Cong workers 'expelled' for raising slogans against Siddu

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SIX Congress workers, who raised slogans against former CM Siddaramaiah recently, were expelled from the party. The decision is considered by many as a move to appease Siddaramaiah, who is reportedly miffed with MLA Tanveer Sait over the recent Mysuru mayoral polls. However, most city Congress committee members remained tight-lipped about the expulsion. The clash within the Congress came to the fore after the mayoral polls last month, as the Congress sacrificed the mayor's post to the JDS, its alliance partner in the corporation. While JDS bagged the mayoral post, Congress settled for the deputy mayor's post.

This enraged Siddaramaiah, and several Congress leaders accused Sait of taking a unilateral decision and demanded that the party serve him a notice. This, however, irked Sait's followers who raised slogans against Siddaramaiah, claiming that their leader took the decision to keep the BJP out of power. However, this incident did not go down well with Congress workers in Mysuru, who demanded the suspension of Sait. Following this, an AICC observer was sent to Mysuru to take stock of the situation. A notice was also issued to Sait.

Sources in the Congress said Mysuru City Congress Committee president R Murthy issued the order expelling Shahid, M N Lokesh, Abeeb and Annu, and his two sons. All the six are close aides of Sait.

Asked about the expulsion, MLA Yathindra said an AICC observer has gathered all information and sent a report. "If they are found guilty as per the report, action must be taken against them," he said.

The Karnataka High Court issued notice to the ministries of defence and finance on PIL seeking direction to implement recommendation of a one-man judicial committee constituted to resolve anomalies in implementation of One Rank One Pension (OROP) to all pensioners

LAST RESORT

TAC: Another lockdown could be suicidal

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IMPOSING another lockdown will be economically suicidal as the poor will be at the receiving end, Dr M K Sudarshan, chairman of State Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee, said on Saturday.

To a question on whether the government plans to impose a second lockdown, he said a lockdown would be the last resort as it will affect the poor a lot.

He was speaking on the occasion of first Dr B S Sajjan Endowment Oration on 'Public Health Leadership in Covid-19 Pandemic' at Kasturba Medical College (KMC) in Mangaluru. "India is expecting a second wave of Covid-19 pandemic. However, unless people disobey or not comply with requirements, we may impose another lockdown. We have seen how the lockdown had affected the poor."

He said that data of the vaccines is being compiled and a series of analyses is being done.

KARNATAKA ONE OF 5 STATES WITH HIGHEST COVID CASES

People cannot afford to behave like the pandemic is over, Minister says

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA is one of five states which together constitute 82% of new cases registered across the country on Saturday, even as the state has ramped up the number of vaccination centres to speed up immunisation from Monday.

Karnataka stands fourth with 677 new cases on Saturday,. Other states include Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab and Tamil Nadu.

The state has announced that Covid norms must be strictly followed and that pandemic management must get back to "Test-Track-Treat" and has directed health staff to focus on SARI and ILI cases.

With Karntaka showing an increase in new cases on a week-on-week basis after being warned by the State Covid Technical Advisory Committee and the Central government team, Karntaka Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that chances of a second wave are very high in the state. "People cannot afford to behave like the pandemic is over," Dr Sudhakar said.

An elderly man walks out of the vaccination centre at K C General Hospital in Bengaluru after getting the jab on Saturday | MEGHANA SASTRY

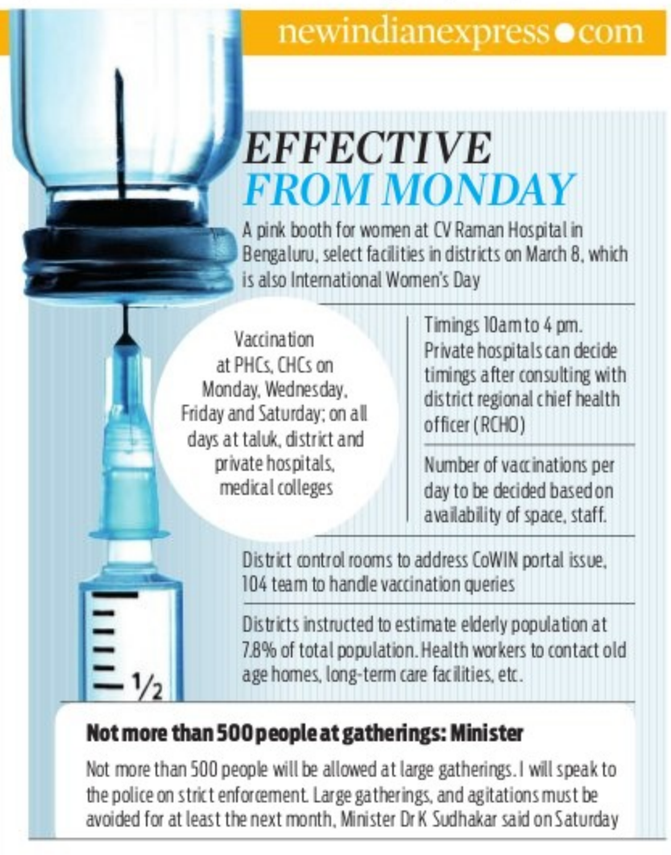
"As per Central Health Ministry experts and our technical advisory committee, the rise in cases has been observed in many states and Karnataka is one of them. The rise in other states and countries is a hint that reinfections might crop up again. Hence, we have to go back not only to the test-track-and-treat formula, but also ensure that crowding does not occur at events," he said.

The central panel, which recently visited the state, also said that states must refocus on surveillance and stringent containment of areas that have clusters and must carry out an average close contact tracing of a minimum of 20 people per positive case.

During a recent video conference, BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad told Special Commissioners and zonal health officers that the number of cases has been increasing, especially in the past month and mainly on the outskirts of BBMP limits. "Take necessary precautions. Ensure strict implementation of rules and control the increase. As before, track all SARI and ILI cases from our database and conduct RT-PCR tests to rule out Covid-19," he said.

Karnataka saw 522 cases on Febraury 1 and the number seemed to be stagnant for sometime. But on March 6, the number of cases jumped to 677. Taking note of this, the Central Health Ministry has told the state to increase testing which it has reduced significantly.

"While the positivity rate has increased, poor contact tracing and low share of RT-PCR tests can pose high risk of transmission to neighbouring states," the central health ministry noted. States have also been asked to watch out for super-spreader events and share best practices to break the chain of transmission.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A pink booth for women at CV Raman Hospital in Bengaluru, select facilities in districts on March 8, which is also International Women's Day
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Not more than 500 people at gatherings: Minister
Not more than 500 people will be allowed at large gatherings. I will speak to the police on strict enforcement. Large gatherings, and agitations must be avoided for at least the next month, Minister Dr K Sudhakar said on Saturday

3K vaccine centres in state from tomorrow

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AROUND 3,000 centres, including primary health centres, taluk and district hospitals, and private hospitals which have registered, will immunise people against Covid-19 from Monday and cover 1.5 beneficiaries, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said on Saturday after a review of the pandemic situation in the state.

Since the government has scaled up the number of vaccine centres, he urged people to come forward and take their shot.

Until 5.30pm on March 6, 67,810 senior citizens and 10,722 people with comorbidities had been given the jab.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike limits which saw around 250 cases a day for several weeks in a row, saw the number jump to around 400 on Friday. The state capital now has 12 clusters. With the numbers going up, Sudhakar said that tested will be increased to around 40,000 from 30,000 at present.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will hold a video conference with Deputy Commissioners of districts where positivity rate is high. "Since there are more inter-state travellers to Mangaluru, testing will be ramped up there. Instructions have been issued to Bengaluru Urban, Dakshina Kannada, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Udupi, Kodagu, Belagavi and Tumakuru districts to be more vigilant," he added.

Layered masks protect, but can spread virus, says IISc study

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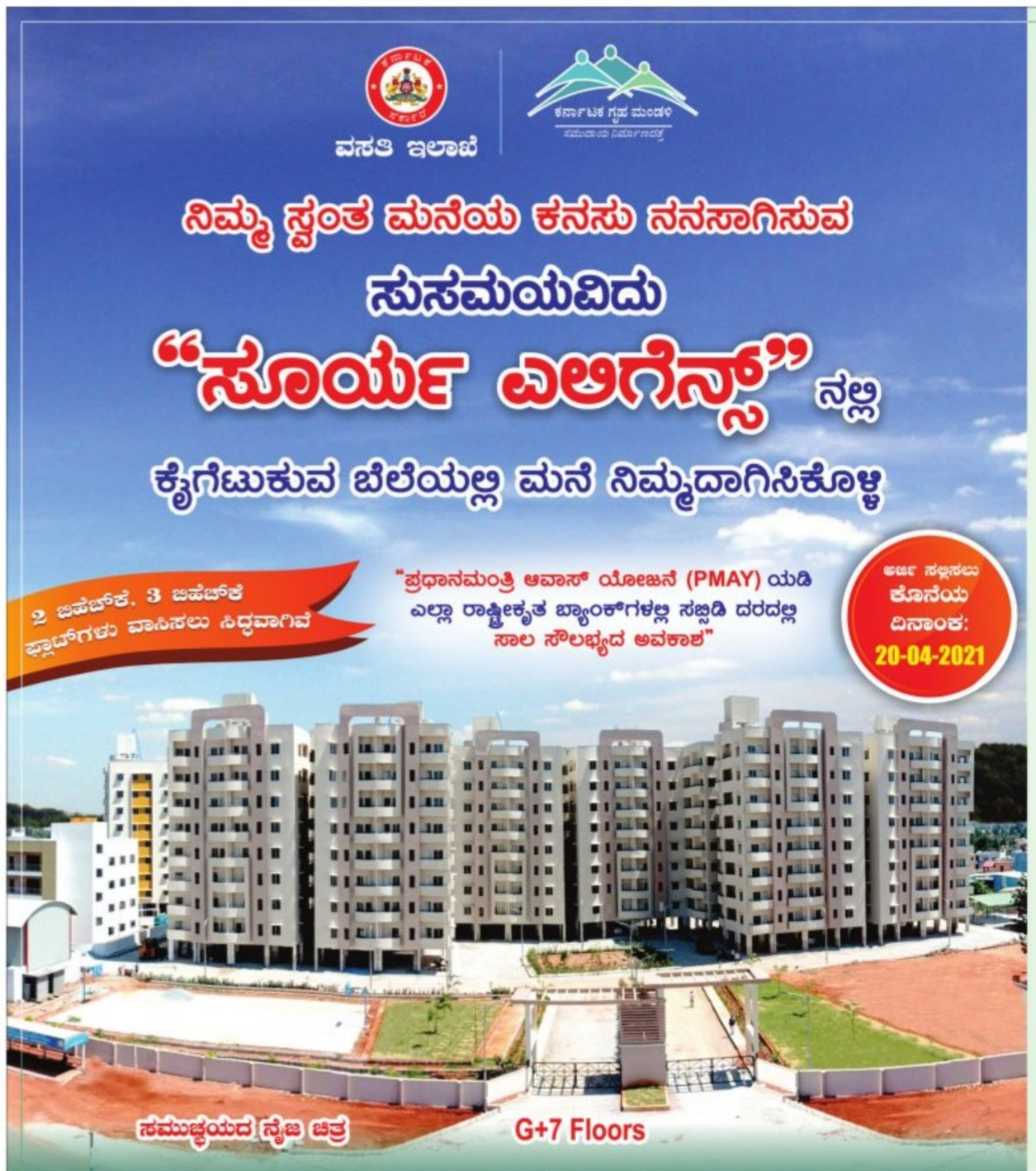
TRIPLE-layered masks, even those made of cloth, and N95 masks were found to provide the best protection from SARS-CoV-2, as they successfully prevent atomisation (or breaking down) of cough particles, finds a recent study. The researchers, however, clarify that when these masks are unavailable, even single-layered masks may offer some protection, and must be used wherever mandated.

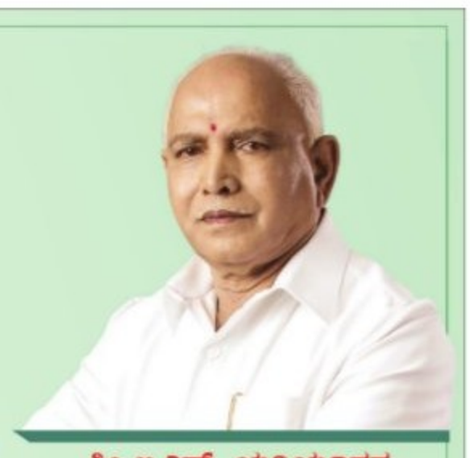
A study by IISc researchers, in collaboration with scientists in UC San Diego and University of Toronto Engineering, found that the efficacy of face masks changes with the type of material, pore size and number of layers -- the most efficacious being the triple-layered masks, even those made of cloth.

Studies, by and large, have concentrated on leaks in the mask from the sides, that cause the virus to spread. However, these researchers tried to find out the role of the mask in atomising or breaking down cough droplets and causing the virus to spread.

In single- and double-layered masks, researchers found that droplets atomised to smaller than 100 microns, and had the potential to become aerosols. These suspended particles could remain in the air for a long time and cause infection. "You are protected, but others around you may not be," explains Saptarshi Basu, Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, in a release by the institute.

The experiment revealed that single-layered masks could only block 30 per cent of the initial droplet volume from escaping. Double-layered masks blocked 91 per cent, but more than a quarter of the atomised droplets generated were in the size range of aerosols. Meanwhile, triple-layered and N95 masks had zero or negligible droplet transmission and generation.





ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್. ಯಡಿಯೂರಪ್ಪ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿಯು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರದ ಚಂದಾಪುರ–ಆನೇಕಲ್ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆಗೆ ಹೊಂದಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಗಿಡಮರಗಳ ಹಸಿರು ಹೊದಿಕೆಯ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಪರಿಸರ ಹಾಗೂ ಆಹ್ಲಾದಕರ ವಾತಾವರಣದ ಸುಂದರತಾಣ ಸೂರ್ಯನಗರ 1ನೇ ಹಂತದ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಕಾಂಪೊನೆಂಟ್ "ಬಿ"ನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಆಧುನಿಕ ಮೂಲ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯಗಳನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡ **'ಸೂರ್ಯ ಎಲಿಗೆನ್ಸ್'** ವಸತಿ ಸಮುಚ್ಚಯ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿದೆ. ಈ ಸಮುಚ್ಚಯದಲ್ಲಿ 2 ಬಿಹೆಚ್‌ಕೆ, 3 ಬಿಹೆಚ್‌ಕೆ ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ಗಳ ಹಂಚಿಕೆಗಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಆಸಕ್ತ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರು ಆರಂಭಿಕ ಠೇವಣಿ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು **e-Payment** ಮೂಲಕ ಪಾವತಿಸಿ, ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ಗಳು / ನೊಂದಣಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ / ಆರಂಭಿಕ ಠೇವಣಿ ವಿವರ

ಸ್ಥಳ	ವರ್ಗ	ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ಗಳು	ಫ್ಲಾಟ್ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಅಂದಾಜು)	ನೋಂದಣಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ (ರೂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಆರಂಭಿಕ ಠೇವಣಿ (ರೂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಪ್ರತಿ ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ನ ಬೆಲೆ (ಪ್ರತಿ ಚ.ಮೀ.ಗೆ ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) ಕಾರ್ ಪಾರ್ಕಿಂಗ್ ಒಳಗೊಂಡಿದೆ
'ಸೂರ್ಯ ಎಲಿಗೆನ್ಸ್' ಚಂದಾಪುರ–ಆನೇಕಲ್ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಸೂರ್ಯನಗರ 1ನೇ ಹಂತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು	2 BHK	173	75.75–77.70 ಚ.ಮೀ. (815.30–836.30 ಚ.ಅಡಿ)	1000/–	1,50,000/–	ನೆಲಮಹಡಿಯಿಂದ 4ನೇ ಮಹಡಿವರೆಗೆ ರೂ.35,521/– (ರೂ.3,300/– ಚ.ಅಡಿ)
	3 BHK	168	107.30–117.90 ಚ.ಮೀ. (1155.00–1269.00 ಚ.ಅಡಿ)	1500/–	2,00,000/–	5ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ ರೂ.35,790/– (ರೂ.3,325/– ಚ.ಅಡಿ) 6ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ ರೂ.36,059/– (ರೂ.3,350/– ಚ.ಅಡಿ) 7ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ ರೂ.36,329/– (ರೂ.3,375/– ಚ.ಅಡಿ)

ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ವಿಧಾನ

ಅರ್ಜಿ ಮತ್ತು ಆರಂಭಿಕ ಠೇವಣಿ ಹಣ e-payment ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ನಿಯಮ ಮತ್ತು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: **https://www.khb.karnataka.gov.in** ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ

ಸಹಾಯಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಸೂರ್ಯನಗರ 1 & 2ನೇ ಹಂತ,
ಆನೇಕಲ್ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಚಂದಾಪುರ
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ಉಪಪ್ರಧಾನ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು (ಗ್ರಾ.ಸೇ) ಮತ್ತು
ಕಂದಾಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಶಾಖಾ ಕಛೇರಿ
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 080-22273511
Extn.335/307 ಅಥವಾ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲ
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ಮಾನ್ಯ ವಸತಿ ಸಚಿವರಾದ **ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಸೋಮಣ್ಣ** ರವರು ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾದ **ಶ್ರೀ ಆರಗ ಜ್ಞಾನೇಂದ್ರ** ಅವರು ಯೋಜನೆ ಕುರಿತು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಮಾಲೋಚಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವುದು.

ಮನೋಜ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಮೀನಾ, ಭಾ.ಆ.ಸೇ.
ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ವಸತಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಡಿ.ಎಸ್. ರಮೇಶ, ಭಾ.ಆ.ಸೇ.
ಗೃಹ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ

DIPR/KHB-07/20-21

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆಸ್ತಿ-ಪಾಸ್ತಿ ರಕ್ಷಿಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಹಿಂಸೆಯನ್ನು ತ್ಯಜಿಸುವುದು. - ಇದು ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬ ಭಾರತೀಯನ ಸಂವಿಧಾನಬದ್ಧ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ

ಕೋವಿಡ್-19. ಆತಂಕ ಬೇಡ; ಮುನ್ನೆಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ಇರಲಿ. ಮಾಸ್ಕ್ ಧರಿಸಿ | ೬ ಅಡಿ ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ಅಂತರ ಪಾಲಿಸಿ | ಸೈಗಳ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ಕಾಪಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ
3ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಕಾವೇರಿ ಭವನ, ಕೆ.ಜಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560009.
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ವಸತಿ ಕ್ರಾಂತಿಯ ಹರಿಕಾರ

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, my Client **Mrs. Shamantha L Singh W/o. Mr. L.G Lokanatha Singh,** situated at No. 39, 3rd Main, Basaveshwara Layout, Nagashettahalli, Bangalore – 560 094. (1) BDA Allotment Letter dated 07/02/2006 vide No. BDA/DS-II/328/2005-06. (2) BDA Possession Certificate dated 19/05/2006. (3) Sale Deed dated 08/05/2006 executed by BDA in favour of Chikka Muniyappa & Others, vide No. BDA-1-00697/2006-07, BDAD108, Additional District Registrar, Bangalore District. (4) BDA Khatha Letter dated 06/06/2006. (5) Sale Deed dated 10/07/2006 executed by Chikka Muniyappa, Gangamma in favour of Jayashree C Singh, vide No. KEN-1-12833/2006-07, CD No. KEND306, Kengeri, Bangalore. If any of the Public Persons find or in possession of the Original documents listed above at Sl. No. 1 to 5, shall hand over to the address mentioned below.

K.S CHANDRA SHEKAR
Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India,
No.21, Dhondusa Layout,
Off. Bull Temple Road, Mount Joy Cross Road, Hanumanthanagar,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated with Mr. P.K. Bopanna, S/o Mr. P.K. Kariappa, aged about 52 years, residing at No.70, 3rd Main, Royal Placid, 1st Phase, Haraluru Road, behind VIBGYOR School, H.S.R Layout, Bengaluru - 560 102, to purchase the Schedule Property for valuable consideration. It is represented to our client that Mr. P.K. Bopanna is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and he has acquired the Schedule Property under the Sale Deed dated 8th September 2014, registered as Document No.JGN-1-02141/2014-15, CD No.JGND350, with the office of the Sub Registrar, Basavanagudi (Jigani), Bengaluru. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to Mr. P.K. Bopanna's right, title and interest in the Schedule Property and proceeds with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that peace and parcel of the Residential Site bearing No.253, in Sector "B", category : HIG 1, in the layout know as "Suryanagara Phase-II", formed by the Karnataka Housing Board, under Suvarna Karnataka Scheme and 225 Scheme, situated at Hinnakki Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, measuring East to West 18.00 Meters and North to South 13.50 Meters, in all measuring about 243 Sq.Meters and bounded on: East by : 12 meter wide road, West by : Site No.256 HIG I, North by : Site No.254 HIG I and South by : Site No.252 HIG I.

M/s. B.M. Associates,
Advocates & consultants,
No. 7/1, Top Floor, G.J. Complex,
100 Feet Road, Indiranagar I Stage,
Bangalore - 560 038.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that, my Clients have entered into a Sale Agreement to purchase of immoveable property being Residential four vacant Sites, more fully described in the Schedule **"A" to "D"** hereunder from **Sri. D.Umashankar** S/o Sri. B.M.Thimmegowda, resident of #1283, 10th cross Road, Near Hoysala Circle, Kengeri Satellite Town, Kengeri, Bengaluru- 560 060, having acquired the Schedule sites from his father **Sri. B.M. Thimmegowda** through four registered Gift deeds dated: **20.01.2021, 18.01.2021, 18.01.2021** and **28.01.2021** bearing Reg.Nos.**7642/20-21, 7644/20-21, 7643/20-21** and **7883/20-21** respectively of Book-1 in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar (Nagarbhavi), Benglauru. The Schedule sites have been originally allotted to Sri.B.M.Thimmegowda S/o Late Sri.Mariguddaiah under 60:40 ratio scheme consequent to acquisition of his self acquired land in **Sy.No.73** of Bheemanakuppe Village measuring to an extent of **1.00 Acre** by the B.D.A. If any person/s has/have any right, title, interest or claim on the below mentioned Schedule **"A" to "D"** Properties/sites, they may file their objections with the undersigned along with documentary proof **WITHIN 15 (FIFTEEN) DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my Clients will proceed to complete the sale transaction as the same are free from all encumbrances/claims. Any objections received thereafter shall not be entertained/ considered.

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site being BDA Site **No.3255 (Three thousand two hundred fifty five), in Block-1, Sector-M of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (formed out of Sy.No.8 of Kannalli Village)** bearing property ID/PID **No. 6000059642**, measuring East to West: **9-00 (Nine) Meters** and North to South: **12-00 Meters,** totally measuring **108.00 square meters** and bounded on the:-

East by : Site No.3254,
West by : Site No.3256,
North by : Road,
South by : Site No.3225.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site being BDA Site **No.3256 (Three thousand two hundred fifty six), in Block-1, Sector-M of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (formed out of Sy.No.8 of Kannalli Village)** bearing property ID/PID **No. 6000059644**, measuring East to West: **9-00 (Nine) Meters** and North to South: **12-00 Meters,** totally measuring **108.00 square meters** and bounded on the:-

East by : Site No.3255,
West by : Site No.3257,
North by : Road,
South by : Site No.3224 and Site No.3225

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site being BDA Site **No.3257 (Three thousand two hundred fifty seven), in Block-1, Sector-M of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (formed out of Sy.No.8 of Kannalli Village)** bearing property ID/PID **No. 6000059641**, measuring East to West: **9-00 (Nine) Meters** and North to South: **12-00 Meters,** totally measuring **108.00 square meters** and bounded on the:-

East by : Site No.3256,
West by : Site No.3258,
North by : Road,
South by : Site No.3223 and Site No.3224

SCHEDULE "D" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site being BDA Site **No.3023 (Three thousand twenty three), in Block-1, Sector-M of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (formed out of Sy.No.8 of Kannalli Village)** bearing property ID/PID **No. 6000059645**, measuring East to West: **12-00 (twelve) Meters** and North to South: **9-00 (Nine) Meters,** totally measuring **108.00 square meters** and bounded on the:-

East by : Road,
West by : Site No.3018,
North by : Site No.3022,
South by : Site No.3024.

(U.L.SOMAPPA) Advocate & Notary
#.708/41, Upstairs, Sree Ramanjaneya Road,
(M) 94480 50108 / 63619 78017
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Bangalore Date : 06-03-2021

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Office of the EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION DHARWAD

SECTION 1: INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (Two Cover System) Kw-4

Reg : This office tender Notification No.40/2020-21 Dt:05/03/2021.

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division, Dharwad,Under Haveri Taluk of Ranebennur Sub Division invites tenders for 1 Work in Standard Bid Document KW- 4 through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz., **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible contractors for the work of 4702- APB. Amount put to tender: Rs. **140.00** Lakhs. E.M.D amount Rs. **0.00/-** Period of downloading tender documents for Kw-4 from e-procurement portal: From **16/03/2021** to **22/03/2021** upto 17:30hrs. And Any other Corrigendum and Postponement Notification will be published only through **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website **@ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** are final.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/HVR/MC&A/380/2020-21 **M.I. & G. W. D. Division, Dharwad**

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಸರ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕಂಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 2213898, 2213888 website : www.hdmc.gov.in

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ)

ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನಂ. ಎಚ್‌ಡಿಎಮ್‌ಸಿ/61/12/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 06-03-2021

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸನ್ 2020-21 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯ ಅನುದಾನ, ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999-2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD/ HDMC/ಇತರೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು.

(1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-114186 ರೂ. **38.90** ಲಕ್ಷ (2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-114421 ರೂ. **35.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (3) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-114329 ರೂ. **11.90** ಲಕ್ಷ

ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಅವಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ) ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಚೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 0836-2213834ನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **http:/ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿ: **08-03-2021** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **15-03-2021** ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **16-03-2021** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು(ಉತ್ತರ)
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ,
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/818/2020-21 ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

DAKSHINA KANNADA CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD.,

(ISO 22000- 2005 CERTIFIED ORGANISATION)
Kulshekar, Mangaluru-575005
Ph: No. 2232682,Fax:0824-2230029 Email:dkmulpurchase@yahoo.com

NO: DKMU/PUR/162/2020-21

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders under two bid system are invited through e-Procurement Portal of G.O.K. from interested Companies for the following:

Item No.	Description	Quantity	E M D Rs. Ps.
1.	Supply of S S Pipes & Fittings	Lump sum	50,000
2.	Supply of Conductivity Sensor	1 No.s	10,000
3.	Semi Automatic Vacuumising Nitrogen Flushing & Pouch Sealing Machine to Mangalore Dairy	1 No.s	20,000
4.	Supply & Installation of Lightening (Protection Systems) Arrester in DKMUL Campus	BULK	10,000
5.	Supply of C.P.P. Bottles with Cap for Filling Sterilized Flavored Milk on A R C	60 Lakhs	3,00,000
6.	Supply of Nandini Bite Pouches on A R C	60 Lakhs	50,000
7.	Supply of Reverse Printed PVC Shrink Sleeve Labels in Roll Form	10 Tons	20,000
8.	Supply of Caustic Soda Lye Solution (NaOH) Rayon Grade: 48 -50%) on A R C	140 MT	50,000
9.	Supply of Chemicals For Effluent Treatment Plant to Mangalore & Udupi Dairy on A R C	BULK	25,000
10.	ACP Foam Embossing Boards	4 No.s	10,000
11.	Supply of Uniform Footwear (Men/Woman) to Mangalore Dairy	248 Pairs	10,000

The last date for submission of bids is **25.03.2021 by 4.00 PM.**
Date of opening of Technical Tender : **On 26.03.2021 at 4.30 PM**
Date of opening of Commercial Tender: **Will be intimated later**

SHORT TERMS TENDER

Item No.	Description	Quantity	E M D Rs. Ps.
12.	Aflotoxin Test Kit for Milk & Milk Products Testing	SET	10,000
13.	Antibiotic Test Kit for Milk & Milk Products Testing	SET	

The last date for submission of bids is **15.03.2021 by 4.00 PM.**
Date of opening of Technical Tender : **On 16.03.2021 at 4.30PM**
Date of opening of Commercial Tender: **Will be intimated later**

Item-wise detailed Tender Form cost is as per e-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka. The Managing Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Further details can be had from e-Procurement website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Helpdesk Phone **08046010000, 08022631200** and email support: **support@ihelpdsk.com**

Place: Mangalore Sd/-,
Date: 05.03.2021 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ

DMA/2020-21/WORK INDENT NO. 113215, 113218 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.02.2021

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

E-PROCUREMENT OF KARNATAKA

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999-2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರೀಮಿಯಂ ಎಫ್.ಎ.ಆರ್ ನಿಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 06.04.2021 ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರಿ ಬಿಡ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ 29.03.2021 ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರವನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಕೆಲಸದ ಹೆಸರು	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿರಿಸಿದ ದರ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)
1	ವಿ.ನಂ. 37ನೇ ಮರೋಳಿ ವಾರ್ಡಿನ ಜಯನಗರ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಗಲೀಕರಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಪೂರಕ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (Indent No. 113215)	114.74
2	ವಿ.ನಂ. 47ರಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಬಿಷಪ್ ವಿಕ್ಟರ್ ರಸ್ತೆಯ ಅಗಲೀಕರಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಪೂರಕ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (Indent No. 113218)	136.36

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
DIPR / MNG / 1033/ MPL / 20-21

Office of The District Health and Family Welfare

Office Zilladalitha Bhavana,
Chikkaballapura -562101
Phone & Fax: 08156-277099, 277034 e-Mail: dhochikballapur@gmail.com
No.: DHFW/C.Pura/O.S.-Tender/03/2020-21
Date: 01.03.2021

e-Tender Notification

Related to the subject, as per reference e-Tender Notification is issued for availing services on outsource basis Junior Laboratory Technicians, Pharmacist, Data Entry Operators, Drivers and Group 'D' posts required for Health Institutions and Nurses and Group 'D' personnel required for Health Extension Centres in Chikkaballapura District for the year 2021-22. Details are as below:

(1) Date of publishing the Tender: **01.03.2021. (2)** E.M.D. Amount : **Rs.8,60,000/- + E-procurement fee. (3)** Date of tender commencement (web portal): **01.03.2021. (4)** Last date & time for submission of filled tender forms: **30.03.2021 up to 3.00 PM. (5)** Date & time of pre-bid meeting: **16.03.2021 at 3.00 PM. (6)** Date & time of opening the technical bid of tender: **31.03.2021 at 3.00 PM. (7)** Date & time of opening financial bid if possible: **01.04.2021 at 3.00 PM.**

Further details can be obtained through **http:// eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and by contacting the Office of The District Health and Family Welfare Officer during office hours.

Sd/- District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Chikkaballapura

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಓ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 354/ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/2020-21

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT MYSURU

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to **M/s. Green Organics (India) Private Limited (Borrower), Shri Ramesh B Gowda, Smt Ramya GC & Shri Chandrashekhar B (Guarantors)** that the below described immovable property mortgaged to IDBI Bank Ltd. (Secured Creditor), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IDBI Bank Ltd. (Secured Creditor) on **September 04, 2019** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **March 30, 2021** for recovery of **Rs. 72,59,68,171/-** (Rupees Seventy Two Crore Fifty Nine Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy One Only) as on **February 29, 2016** plus interest thereon due to IDBI Bank Ltd. (Secured Creditor), from **M/s. Green Organics (India) Private Limited (Borrower), Shri Ramesh B Gowda. Smt Ramya GC & Shri Chandrashekhar B (Guarantors).**

Details of Property	Reserve Price (Rs. in lakh)	EMD (Rs. in lakh)
All that piece and parcel of commercial property bearing Survey No.137(105.52 m^2) situated in Devaraja Arasu Road, Mysore in the state of Karnataka. Bounded on North By: Maharani College Hostel, South By: D Devaraja Arasu Road, East By: Property bearing Survey No.138 and West By: GLB Road	437.00	43.70

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IDBI Bank website i.e. **www.idbibank.in**

Date : 06.03.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **IDBI Bank Ltd.**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

PANCHAYATH RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, RAICHUR

No.EE/PRED/RCR/T.S/E-Tender/2020-21/25/62 Date: 04.03.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

On Turn-key basis Tenders are invited through e-procurement for the following works by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.Division, Raichur on the behalf of Governor of Karnataka, from the contractors registered in PRED as per the schedule given below:
1) Issue of Blank Tender Documents from : **05.03.2021**, 2) Receipt of completed tender documents : **19.03.2021 up to 4.30 P.M,** 3) Technical Bid opening on : **20.03.2021 at 5.00 P.M (If possible)**
Indent Nos:
Manvi Taluka : 83105, 83106 & 83107]
Further details can be obtained by logging on the http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer.,
DIP/Raichur/640/MC&A/2020-21 **P.R.E.Divn, Raichur.**

ESTD. 1964

SREE THYAGARAJA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Head Office No.5, 9th Cross, Narasimharaja Colony, Bangalore – 560 019. Telephone:22958156, 22958157

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH TENDER CUM PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 Section 13(4) of the Immovable properties mortgaged to **Sree Thyagaraja Co-operative Bank Limited,** is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".**

Name of the Borrower	Description of the Properties	Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price Secured debt	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date of Public Auction
1. Sunanda. K. 2. Ashwini. G. 3. Nandini. G.	**Schedule - 1 :** All that part and parcel of Property bearing Flat No. 303, New Municipal No. 2/10, PID No. 55/520-2/10, 3rd Flour Constructed in Property No. 5, House List No. 11, Old No. 14/11, Situated at 7th Main Road Revenue Layout 5th Block, BSK 3rd Stage Chikkalasandra Village, Uttharahalli Hobli, Bangalore measuring 1035 Sq.ft. of Super Build up area along with Proportionate Undivided share right and interest in the land.	East by : Site No. 11/A, West by : Site No. 10, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 2.	Rs. 36,00,000/-	Rs.31,28,797/- as on 02.03.2021	25.03.2021 at 3.00 PM
	Schedule - 2 : All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No. 2, katha No.23, Situated at Ittamadu Village, Uttharahally Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East to West : 43ft and North to South (26+30)/2 ft.	East by : Property No. 1, West by : Property No. 3, North by : Road, South by : Property No. 9.	Rs. 53,00,000/-		

Terms and Conditions of the Auction:-

(1). The public auction will be conducted in **Sree Thyagaraja Co-operative Bank Limited, (2) The Tender forms can be collected in the above mentioned bank in working hours. Head Office No.5, 9th Cross, Narasimharaja Colony, Bangalore – 560 019. (3).** For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price of the properties being cautioned deposit which is refundable, **(4).** The successful bidders should deposit 25% of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D to the bank and the balance within 15 days from the date of auction. **(5).** From the date of auction within Stipulated period the borrowers is liberty to clear the borrowed amount. **(6).** The cautioned deposite shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and condition of public auction, time and commits default in any manner. **(7).** The successful bidders shall bear all expenses like Stamp Duty, Registration fee etc., for getting the Sale Certificate Registered in his/her favour. **(8).** The schedule property will be auctioned as it is and where it is and where it is in the condition under the terms and condition of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. **(9).** The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof. **(10).** For inspection of the property and other particular, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at **Sree Thyagaraja Cooperative Bank Limited, Head Office, or through Telephone No.22958156 / 22958157 they are at liberty to make their own assessment / enquiry about the properties.**

Date: 05.03.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Sree Thyagaraja Co-operative Bank Limited, Bangalore - 19**

Union Bank of India

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BENZ CIRCLE BRANCH (e-CB)
40-9-76/3, AVR Arcade,
Sai Nagar, Vijayawada - 520008

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property/ies mortgaged/charged to **Union Bank of India (E-Corporation Bank), Benz Circle Branch, Vijayawada** the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (E-Corporation Bank), Benz Circle Branch, Vijayawada** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 29-03-2021,** for recovery of outstanding dues and other expenses due to **Union Bank of India (E-Corporation Bank), Benz Circle Branch, Vijayawada** from the following Borrowers and Guarantors. **Last Date for submission of Bids : 26-03-2021. The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit will be as under.**

Borrower : Mr. Vuyyuru Srinivasa Reddy
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 2,29,50,737/- as on 28-02-2021 plus further interest ,cost and charges

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY :

Three bedroom residential flat No E-004, Ground floor, E-block, Krishna Diamond, Patta No. 392/47/2B/48/1/73, 15th cross, 20th main, sahakaranagar, Bangalore – 560092 with plinth area of 1412.0 sft and UDS of 692.545 sft.

Reserve Price : Rs. 75.00 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 7.50 Laksh

Residential vacant land of an extent of Ac 0.50 cents towards south of NTR Manasa Sarovaram, Near to corner of pipula road & national highway, opposite to sub-way, pipula lane, R.s. No. 613/3, Guntur, Guntur district

Reserve Price : Rs. 118.00 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 11.80 Lakhs

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Union Bank of India website i.e. **www.unionbankofindia.co.in** and **https://bankauctions.in**. To the best information and knowledge of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property. The interested bidder may contact the **AUTHORISED OFFICER / AGM Mr. Diwakar Tonpe** ascertaining the details of auction and inspection of property on the date mentioned as above **Contact No. 7022034149, Tel No. 0866-2470732. Branch Mail ID : cb0706@unionbankofindia.com**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) RULE 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002
This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) / Rule 9(1) of security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Date: 04-03-2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Vijayawada **UNION BANK OF INDIA (E-CORPORATION BANK), Benz Circle Branch**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **Shamshad Begum**, W/o Shafeequ Ahmed, R/o Q-204, Vaishnavi Rathnam, SM Road, Indian Oil Petrol Bunk, T-Dasara halli, Bangalore- 560057 have changed my name as **Nandalpad Shamshad Begum**, vide affidavit dated 06/03/2021 sworn before notary B.Chitra, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **MANJULA DEVI .K** W/o Madhusudhana .A, R/a #450, 1st Cross, NAL Road, Behind Srinidhi Residency, Murugeshpalya, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017 declare that both names **MANJULA DEVI .K** and **MANJULA .K** belongs to one and the same person i.e., myself and retain the name **MANJULA DEVI .K** in all my future correspondences, vide affidavit dated 27-02-2021 sworn before Notary **C. SHARADA,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KUSUM, Wife of Army No: 8036598Y, Rank: HAV, Name : YESH PAL, Presently working at Pioneer Corps Training Centre, TRG COY, Agram Post, Bengaluru-560007, Karnataka, India, That I have changed my name from **SMT KUSHAM LATA** to **KUSUM,** vide Affidavit dated 06-03-2021, Before notary K.V. MANI, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Radhish**, S/o Vasudevan Shankar, R/o 309, 4th Floor, DS Max Sunscape Apartment, 5th Cross, Vasantha vallabha Nagar, JP nagar 8th Phase, Bangalore - 560076 have changed my name as **Radhish Vasudevan**, vide affidavit dated 06/03/2021 sworn before notary B.Chitra, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANTHONY BENJAMIN DIVYANATHAN, D. ANTHONY BENJAMIN, ANTHONY BENJAMIN D.,** S/o M. Divyanathan, R/a No. 35, ITC Colony, Cox Town, Jeevanahalli, Bangalore-560 005 have changed my name to **ANTHONY BENJAMIN,** vide affidavit dated 05/03/2021 before Notary **L. Gopalakrishna,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) MONIKA,** D/o. Veeraswamy, Aged 23 years, Residing @ No.357, Vandi medu, Puthiya Arikkarai Street, Villupuram, Tamilnadu, now working at Bengaluru. shall Henceforth be known as **(NEW NAME) PUSHPA** vide affidavit Dated: 1/2/2021 before Notary K.Ramegowda, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Sasi Kumar Gurram**, S/o Narasimha Naidu Gurram, R/o F7, D Block, Himagiri Green Forest Apartments, Silver Oak Street, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore -560078 have changed my name as **Sasi Kumar Naidu Gurram,** vide affidavit dated 02/03/2021 sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, B'lore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **THIRTHANANDA K.B.** aged about 40 years, residing at No.26, 2nd Cross, Muneshwara Block, Mahalakshmi puram, Bangalore-560 086, I here by declare that I have Changed my daughter's name from **CHERITHA THIRTHANANDA** to **NIRUPA THIRTHANANDA** vide affidavit dated 05.03.2021, sworn before notary N. Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BABY RAGHUNATH, R/at No.25/26, 6th Cross , 7th Main, Near Om Shakthi Temple, Garvebhavi Palya, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560068, have changed my name to **BABY NARAYANAPPA** vide affidavit dated 05.03.2021 Before Notary K.V. MANI, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Shashidhar Nandikal,** S/o Manjunath Hegde, Residing at No.63, 2nd Floor, 26th Main, 'T' Block, Girinagar, Bengaluru-560085. Have changed my name as **Shashidhar Manjunath Hegde** vide affidavit dated 05-03-2021 before notary: P.K.Nalinakshi, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ANUSHREE KOLLA D/o. ManojKumar Kolla, Residing at C-93, 5th Cross, 8th Main, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560001, Have Changed My Name to **ANUSHREE MANOJKUMAR KOLLA** Vide Affidavit Dated: 06.03.2021 Sworn Before Notary P.G. Unnikrishnan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SURESHA HAROGOPPA, resident of No. 207, 1st Stage, 2nd Main, 6th Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagara, Doodabasti Road, Bangalore-560056, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SURESH HAROGOPPA** vide affidavit dated 01/03/2021 sworn before Notary Vanajakshi.R., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I **SRINIVAS PRASAD PALAVALLI SATHYANARAYANA**, S/o:Sathyanarayana Shetty,residing at No:134/102,2nd Main,2nd Cross,Vinayaka Layout,3rd Stage,Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560040 have changed my name to **SREENIVAS PRASAD PALAVALLI SATHYANARAYANA SHETTY** vide affidavit dated 23rd FEB 2021 before notary M K Devaki, Bangalore. Henceforth I shall be called **SREENIVAS PRASAD PALAVALLI SATHYANARAYANA SHETTY.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, IRAGOUDA SOLABANNAVAR S/o Girigouda, aged about 34 years, Permanent Address at Jainapur, Belgaum, Karnataka 591226, I have changed my name from **IRAGOUDA** to **"IRAGOUDA SOLABANNAVAR"** vide affidavit dated 06.03.2021 sworn before Notary **G R Ravichandra Reddy,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) YASHAWANTH C, resident of 594, 9th Main Road, 8th Cross, Coffee Board Layout, Kempapura, Hebbala, Bangalore -560024, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) YESHWANTH C** vide affidavit dated 02/03/2021 sworn before Notary Vanajakshi.R., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KANTAM NIRANJAN KUMAR,** S/o K. Somasekhar Naidu, aged about 45 years, R/a No. 45, 4th Cross, 4th Main, F-10, Gurupreeth Residency, Vinayaka Layout, Bhoopasanda, Bangalore-560094, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KANTAM NIRANJAN KUMAR** to **KANTAM NIRANJAN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KANTAM NIRANJAN** only, vide affidavit dated 06-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **JALANDHARA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SANYOGITA, wife of Army No. 8036787H, Rank: NK, Name: VIRENDRA KUMAR, Presently working at Pioneer Corps Training Centre, TRG COY, Agram Post, Bengaluru - 560007, Karnataka India, that I have changed my name from **SANJANA** to **SANYOGITA,** vide affidavit dated 06-03-2021, before notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LOKI REDDY, S/o. V. Mukundaraj, Resident of No. 7, Chinmayee Nivas, 8th Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, Lotte Gollahalli, Near Jalageramma Temple, Bengaluru-560094 have changed my name to LOKI M REDDY vide Affidavit dated 01.03.2021, sworn to before Notary N. Nagappa Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VIVEK DOSAYA,** R/o Flat No. B603, VDB Celadon, Jakkur Main Road, Shivanahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHUBHAM DOSAYA** to **VIVEK DOSAYA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VIVEK DOSAYA** only, vide affidavit dated 03-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.C. GOWTHAMI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) KARIBASAVARJA, residing at No. 137, Ward No. 9, Veerapurada Oni, Bhavihalli (V) Huvina Hadagali (Tq) Bellary (D)-583219, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) KARIBASAVARJA** to **(NEW NAME) VEERAPURADA KARIBASAJJA** vide affidavit Dated 06/03/2021 sworn before Notary M.K.Devaki, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, P.Boomika, Aged about 18 years, D/o. Sri. S. Parthasarathy, R/at. S HIG B 7 Door 101, KHB Apartments, Near GK Naidu High School, Yelahanka New town, Bangalore - 560 064. I have changed my name from **P BOOMIKA** to **BOOMIKA P.** Vide affidavit dated 06.03.2021. Sworn before Advocate and Notary S.R.Ravikumar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANJULA BHARATH, W/o Sri K. Bharath Kumar & D/o Late M.Sanjeeva Rao, aged about 62 years, R/a No. 40, OM, 12th Cross, Gayathri Layout, Shankar Mutt, 1st Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru-79,** have changed my name from **'MANJULA BHARATH (alias) MANJULA BHARATH RAO (alias) MANJULA B RAO (alias) M.B. RAO (alias) MANJULA** to **'MANJULA BHARATH'**, vide affidavit dated 04-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. PRASANNA** at Bengaluru. Henceforth I shall be called and known as **'MANJULA BHARATH'** only.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MD MOHIT, residing at No. 8/24, 3rd Cross, P & T Colony, Venkateshpuram, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MD MOHIT** to **(NEW NAME) MD MOHIT ALAM** vide affidavit Dated 02/03/2021 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

LOST

LOST

It is for the information that my original CBSE Mark's card and Migration Certificate of the year -2020 and the roll number 18606703 issued by CBSE has been actually lost .Name of the candidate PRATHAM. M S/o MOHAN.K # 344 / 8TH' A' CROSS TRIVANI ROAD YESHWANTPUR BANGLORE 560022, 9341231485

QuoteExpress IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH HELL, KEEP GOING › WINSTON CHURCHILL

The Chief Judicial First Class Magistrate court in Kochi on Saturday issued an arrest warrant against solar scam accused Saritha S Nair after she repeatedly failed to appear before the court despite summons being issued several times.

DMK seals deal with MDMK for 6 seats

Chennai: On Saturday, DMK inked electoral pact with MDMK by allocating six seats and surprisingly, MDMK which has been harping on contesting its own symbol, agreed to contest in DMK's Rising Sun symbol. As of now, the DMK-led alliance is comprised of these parties: DMK, Congress, MDMK, CPI, CPM, VCK, IUML, MMK, Kongunadu Makkal Desiya Katchi and Thamizhaga Vazhvurimai Katchi. Sources said the DMK was ready to give six seats but the CPM was seeking at least one more seat than what is offered to CPI.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami arrives at the AIADMK party office for a meeting, in Chennai on Saturday | R SATISH BABU

AIADMK-led front ahead in seat-sharing negotiations

Party leaders EPS, OPS move on to discussions regarding manifesto

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WITH poll pacts with the BJP and PMK already inked, and seats for the DMDK to be finalised any time now, all seem to be plain sailing with the AIADMK-led alliance.

Moving onto other matters AIADMK coordinator O Panneerselvam and joint coordinator Edappadi K Palaniswami on Saturday held discussions with other senior leaders for around two hours to finalise the party's election manifesto.

As of now, AIADMK, BJP, PMK, TMC, DMDK and New Justice Party are part of the AIADMK combine, and the alliance leaders are also in talks with representatives of Puratchi Bharatham, Tamizhaga Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam, Moovendar Munnetra Kazhagam and Moovendar Munnani Kazhagam. Manithaneya Jananayaka Makkal Katchi led by Thamimun Ansari has been keeping away from the alliance talks irked over AIADMK joining hands with the BJP for the Assembly polls.

U Thaniyarasu of Kongu Ilaignar Peravai told Express that several parties were in touch with him and he would announce his party's stand within a day or two.

Mukkulathor Pulippadai led by actor Karunas quit the AIADMK alliance on Saturday and is reportedly in touch with the DMK. He has also vowed to defeat the AIADMK alliance in the ensuing polls.

The AIADMK has already allotted 23 seats to the PMK and 20 to the BJP. DMDK might get 14 to 17 Assembly seats and a Rajya Sabha seat. On Saturday, DMDK senior leader B Parthasarathi said the party had earlier sought at least 25 seats but would now settle with 23 seats. The New Justice Party has also agreed to contest under the AIADMK's Two Leaves symbol.

TMC leaders also held alliance talks with the AIADMK on Saturday, and party leader GK Vasan paid Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami a courtesy call at the latter's residence. Sources said the TMC was offered three seats, but the party has been bargaining for more.

BJP State President L Murugan on Saturday said that his party's main aim was to defeat the DMK.

Pinarayi: Central agencies aiding BJP-Congress alliance

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AS the state got into the election mode, the central enforcement agencies have finally resorted to 'poozhikadakan' – the last of the 18 techniques in 'Kalarippayattu' which is considered an evasive measure done in desperately disadvantageous situations -- to put the state government on the mat for helping the Kerala-level Congress-BJP alliance, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has said.

Addressing the media briefing in Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday, Pinarayi said if the Enforcement Directorate has been trying to destroy KIFB, now the customs has taken over the campaign for BJP and Congress in Kerala against the government. "The customs commissioner has submitted a statement recorded under Section 164 in the High Court in a case in which he was not a party. The motive behind the move is to tarnish the image of the state government," he said.

Pinarayi alleged that the customs commissioner has been dancing to the tune of some political leaders.

"The commissioner had submitted the statement recorded in last November. Firstly, the statement under Section 164 should not be revealed to anyone," he said.

"The BJP state president and Opposition leader had in last November itself raised the issue. But it didn't get people's attention as it was aimed at tarnishing the image of the state government. Now, they have come up again, but this time the customs commissioner has become the puppet in their hands," he said.

Pinarayi said the customs was not interested in arresting the perpetrators of gold smuggling as the agency is still clueless on the rackets that sent the gold consignments or for whom they were sent. "They are desperately looking ways to link the crime with any of the officials or leaders in the state government. When their attempts to link the crime with CMO failed due to the revelation of an upright joint customs commissioner, he was transferred to Nagpur to implement the plans of BJP in the state" he said.

"Isn't it only after a Minister of State for External affairs from Kerala took charge that gold smuggling through diplomatic channel started to Kerala," asked Pinarayi. He also sought to know the connection between the minister and the person who insisted the gold smuggling accused not to reveal the diplomatic connection in the smuggling.

Customs dials Kodiyeri's wife

Kochi: Putting the CPM further on the defensive ahead of the assembly polls, customs will interrogate Vinodini, wife of former CPM state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, who was found to be using an iPhone that Unitac Builders MD Santhosh Eapen had distributed as gift to those who helped him get the Wadakkanchery LIFE Mission project contract. The customs has summoned Vinodini to its Kochi office for interrogation on March 10. The case pertaining to LIFE Mission, involves a corruption allegation.

'People in Kerala should keep CPM away'

Malappuram: To ensure development of the state, the people of Kerala should keep the CPM away, said Congress leader Manish Tewari here on Saturday. He was speaking at the concluding ceremony of the Sauhrudha Sandesha Yatra at Perinthalmanna. "The CPM's influence is now limited to a single state -- Kerala – in the country. The party has always opposed development. People of Kerala should think whether the time has come to abandon the party," Tewari said. He said the victory of democracy also depends on the sense of security it provides to the minorities.

VAX-ING ELOQUENT: RUSH FOR BETTER, SAFER, QUICKER JAB

CHETANA BELAGERE

IF most of 2020 was consumed by fears of the dreaded Covid-19, now, despite two vaccines in our grasp, anxieties prevail over their adverse side-effects, post taking the jab.

Besides hurdles like technical glitches in the vaccination process and inconveniences in getting vaccinated, there is also a lag in achieving vaccine targets. This has led to increasingly louder calls for adding a third vaccine to the existing two — Serum Institute of India's Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin — with the most promising candidate being Russia's Sputnik V, that uses two adenoviruses. More so, because new variants have emerged to raise questions about the effectiveness of the existing vaccines against these.

But as Dave O'Connor, Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison, says: "If your house is on fire, don't wait until you have the perfect hose. People should get vaccinated with whatever effective vaccine they have access to, because this will help protect themselves and their communities by impacting the global viral load."

However, the compulsion to have a third vaccine in the medical armoury arises from having a more extensive reach to get the entire population inoculated, and fast. It is a bonus that the one they are looking at — Sputnik V — has a high efficacy rate. While Covishield's efficacy is 61 per cent, and Covaxin's 81 per cent, Sputnik V has demonstrated an efficacy rate of 91.6 per cent in the interim analysis of the Phase-3 clinical trials, which included data on 19,866 volunteers in Russia who received both doses of the vaccine.

A woman gets the Covid vaccine as part of the third phase of the vaccination drive at KC General Hospital, in Bengaluru on Saturday | MEGHANA SASTRY

BIG PICTURE

Sputnik V is being commercialised globally by Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF). In September 2020, RDIF signed a pact with Dr Reddy's Laboratories, wherein the Indian drugmaker would conduct the bridging study and distribute doses to 100 million people if it were granted a licence. This was later increased to 125 million.

In the last week of February, India's drug authority asked Dr Reddy's Laboratories, which is facilitating Sputnik V trials in India, to supply data on immunogenicity for going ahead with Sputnik V's approval process.

Experts say that while on the one hand, India is supplying Covid-19 vaccines to neighbouring Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Myanmar and Bangladesh, on the other, the country's vaccine production and delivery capacity is being used by foreign vaccine manufacturing companies for the greater good. Therefore, to cater to the vaccination process in the world's largest democracy, it would be imperative to bring in safer and more effective vaccines from other countries, they feel.

Dr Giridhar Babu R, member, Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee, Karnataka, says, "More vaccines are needed here. Back when Covishield was approved in India for vaccination, it was not approved seeing the India trial results, but the UK trial results (Oxford and AstraZeneca are developers while Serum Institute of India is its manufacturer). Similarly, looking at other trial results, we can have more vaccines approved. Sputnik V, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson are some vaccines which should be considered and approved in India. We need to vaccinate 7-10 million people per day in India, based on the existing human resource and infrastructure we have. If the pace is increased, we can cover more population and more vaccines can be of help."

Dr AM Deshmukh, President, Microbiologist Society of India, says, "It is only by avoiding nationalistic policies and embracing global cooperation that countries across the world can beat the pandemic. It should be a global effort for humanity. India is already acknowledged as a key global production hub for having the largest vaccine manufacturing capacities in the world. Similarly, India should provide equitable access to its people to avail of the best Covid-19 vaccines developed across the world."

Moreover, vaccines such as Covishield, Covaxin and Sputnik V are fit for Indian conditions since they can be stored between 2 degrees Celsius and 8 degrees Celsius, as against the mRNA vaccines which require extreme sub-zero temperature regimen like -70 degree to -20 degree Celsius for storage.

Inputs from:
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Prajna GR/Madikeri
Mahesh Goudar/Bagalkot/Vijayapura
Prakash Samaga/Udupi
Ramkrishna Badseshi/Kalaburagi
Arunkumar Huralimath/Hubballi
Raghu Koppar/Gadag

FRONTRUNNER VACCINES

SPUTNIK V

Sputnik V uses human adenovirus platform, unlike Pfizer and Moderna, which use messenger RNA, or mRNA. Sputnik V's phase III clinical trial results show strong protective effect across all age groups. Also known as Gam-COVID-Vac, the vaccine uses a heterologous recombinant adenovirus approach using adenovirus 26 (Ad26) and adenovirus 5 (Ad5) as vectors for the expression of SARS-CoV-2 spike protein. The use of two varying serotypes, which are given 21 days apart, is intended to overcome any pre-existing adenovirus immunity in the population. Among major Covid vaccines in development to date, only Gam-COVID-Vac uses this approach.

IMPROVEMENTS IN PROCESS

With the onset of phase-3 vaccination from March 1 in Karnataka for senior citizens and people with comorbidities in the 45-60 age group, there were technical glitches in the CoWIN portal app. The first day of phase-3 was the worst, with several sites hit due to glitches in the portal. The health department has now allowed walk-in facility from Wednesday, and senior citizens and those with comorbidities find the process a lot smoother, as they can enter hospitals without registration. Hospitals arranged seating, snacks and water in some places for beneficiaries who were waiting for their turn. Citizens can carry any one photo ID -- Aadhaar, voter ID, besides certificate of comorbidity. Healthcare and frontline workers have to carry employment certificate or official identity card.

COVAXIN

- By Bharat Biotech International Limited, with Indian Council of Medical Research and National Institute of Virology
- Vaccine contains inactivated or killed SARS-CoV-2 virus
- 81% efficacy
- 2 doses: Second one 4 weeks after first

COVISHIELD

- By Oxford University and AstraZeneca
- In India, trials and manufacture by Pune-based Serum Institute of India
- Vaccine contains weakened versions of adenovirus with same genetic material as spike protein of SARS-CoV-2
- 61% efficacy
- 2 doses: Second dose 4-6 weeks after first

The ongoing vaccination drive conducted by our government is the world's largest vaccination drive and I, as a citizen of this country, am proud to be a part of it. We have set an example to the world by successfully conducting this drive and providing these lifesaving vaccines to all

— Dr K Sivan, Chairman, ISRO

In our effort to fight the Covid pandemic, vaccination has become an extremely crucial step. I got myself vaccinated and it was a very comfortable experience. In order to make this vaccination drive successful and make India Covid free, it is essential that all of us get ourselves vaccinated

— Dr A S Kiran Kumar, former chairman, ISRO

This will certainly help in bringing down the Covid transmission rate. I am also thankful to the hospital staffers who helped us with a hassle-free experience. The ongoing vaccination drive is a landmark step in the history of our country. It is a proud moment for all of us Indians

— Dr Umamaheswaran R, Scientific Secretary, ISRO,

N S Lakshminarayana Bhatta, who gave best ode to 'nam missu'

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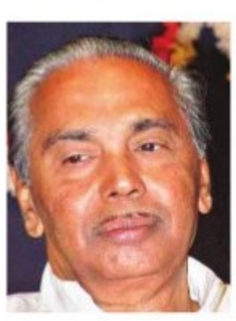
"BHALA ollevru nam missu, en helidru yes yessu... schooligella famussu", this song considered to be one of the best odes to teachers, is loved by children and teachers alike. The poet who penned this children's poem, **N S Lakshminarayana Bhatta** (84), was a professor himself, who served at Bangalore University.

This well-known Kannada poet, critic and translator, known as 'NSL' in the Kannada literary world, passed away in Bengaluru early on Saturday morning.

The 1980s especially reverberated with his Bhavageethe (lyrical poems). Almost every Kannada household boasted of having cassettes of his songs. Many of his lyrical poems were set to tune by some of the renowned composers like C Ashwath. Some of his other poems ---"Thaye ninna madilali", "Hinde hege chimmutittu kanna tumba preethi", "Baare nanna Deepika" etc – are among the popular music albums of that decade.



As a translator too, he had won name and fame. He had translated about 50 sonnets of William Shakespeare, the poetry of T S Elliot and the works of Irish poet William Butler Yeats into Kannada. He had also translated several plays. His compilation of works of the saint-poet Shishunala Sharif was much appreciated.

He was recognized for his contribution to modern Kannada poetry with numerous awards and honours. Among them were the Karnataka Sahitya Academy Award, Masti Prashasti and Kannada Rajyotsava Award.

The literary giants of his time influenced him and his writings greatly. While studying in Sahyadri College, he came in contact with Dr G S Shivarudrappa, another noted poet, and was attracted by the latter's presentation style, which inspired him to write. Later, he was greatly influenced by poets and writers like Ti Nam Sri, S V Ranganna, D L Narasimhachar, Dr Bendre, S V Parameshwara Bhatt and Gopalakrishna Adiga.

Prof Bhatta who was born in 1936 in Shivamogga district, naturally had great love for the place, and his poem -- Shivamoggeyalli Male-1946' -- explained the problems faced by the people due to heavy rains.

He suffered due to age-old ailments, said family sources. He is survived by wife and two children. While the entire Kannada literary and poet community paid tribute, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa in his condolence message said the Kannada literary world lost one of its stars. Condoling Bhatta's death, JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy remembered his poetry for children.

EXPRESS READ

Maoists kill tribal man in Andhra Pradesh

Visakhapatnam: Suspected Maoists have brutally killed a 35-year-old tribal branding him as a police informer in the district. The Maoists axed ex-militia member Korra Pilku, who belonged to a primitive tribal group, suspecting that he might be working as an informer, at G Kothapalli in GK Veedhi mandal. Pilku is survived by wife and four children. He was an active militia member till nine months ago. Maoists who grew suspicious put pressure on him to work, and tried to kill him several times to make an example of him to other villagers in the area. **ENS**

Image of boy's kidnapper released

Tirupati: Tirupati Urban Police on Saturday released the image of the miscreant who abducted a 6-year-old Chhattisgarh boy from Alipiri link bus stand on February 27. Special police teams have intensified search operations for the boy in the temple town. SP Ch Venkata Appala Naidu has analysed the footage of CCTV cameras at the bus stand to find any clue pertaining to boy's abduction. The parents of Sivam Kumar Sahoo, who came to Tirupati from Chhattisgarh on a pilgrimage, have been staying in the temple town for the past one week hoping police will rescue their son. **ENS**

Peace is a conscious choice

John Denver

MINIMUM GOVT: COMMISSIONS AND OMISSIONS

THE THIRD EYE

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WE are all for reforms and rightsizing or downsizing of government, whatever you call it, as long as it doesn't affect our ministry." This cryptic and candid comment by the late Pramod Mahajan in 2001, typical Mahajan speak on reforms, captures the essence of the distance between performance and the oft-repeated promise of 'minimum government'.

Context is critical. On February 28, 2000, the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government set up the Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) under K P Geethakrishnan to 'find a solution to the problem of high rate of growth of non-developmental expenditure by the Government and to begin the process of downsizing'. This year marks the 21st anniversary of the promise.

The Geethakrishnan Committee reviewed 36 ministries / departments/organisations and submitted 10 reports on restructure of government and administration. The reports occupying 1,300 plus pages triggered a debate in the country on the role of the state and the state of administration.

What eventually came of the reports is best illustrated by this one response in Parliament. "The report of Geethakrishnan Committee has been considered... However, no final decision has been taken in the matter." Mahajan, then the go-to-person for any question which began with 'What is happening to...,' was prescient and not just about the ERC of 2000.

In 2021, India's administrative architecture continues to bear the burden of the 1950s design which was chosen to execute the Harrod-Domar model of state-led economic development. The central government has over 50 ministers and departments, besides over 500 autonomous bodies. Indeed, the largest ministries and allocations are those dealing with subjects under states.

Between 2001 and 2011, the wage bill of the central government went up from ₹31,950 crore to ₹92,785 crore for about 34 lakh employees. In 2021-22, the wage bill for 35 lakh persons stands at ₹2.54 lakh crore. The weight of the costs is exacerbated by the cost of the inertia which arrives with size.

The quest to restructure the Leviathan has flailed over decades. Five years after the ERC, the Manmohan Singh government set up the Second Administrative Reforms Commission chaired by Veerappa Moily to 'suggest measures to achieve a proactive, responsive, accountable, sustainable and efficient administration for the country at all levels of the government'. Between 2005 and 2009, the ARC submitted 15 reports spread over 3,500 pages detailing problems, processes and reforms.

To know what came of the ARC II recommendations would probably require an archaeological dig — incidentally, the DOE archives contain notes on how to use both sides of the paper for typing and issue of SIM cards for overseas travel. Presumably the political conclusion, after the 2009 Lok Sabha victory, was all is well! The pathos visible in UPA-II and the policy paralysis shattered the notion. Indeed, in the run up to the 2014 elections, PM Narendra Modi evangelised subscription to the idea of 'minimum government, maximum governance'.

The 2014 Budget invoked the idea and set up the Expenditure Management Commission under former RBI Governor Bimal Jalan. The report was submitted in 2015 but not made public and the follow-up action is in the domain of known unknowns. What is interesting is that four years later Jalan was asked to head a committee to facilitate transfer of reserves from RBI to government for funding expenditure.

In 2021, restructuring, rationalisation for expenditure control and process ease seems back on the agenda. A task force under Sanjeev Sanyal, principal economic adviser, is looking at departmental overlaps and need for autonomous bodies. There are curiosities galore — the bureau of industrial standards is in the ministry of consumer affairs, boards of coffee, rubber, tea are in commerce and industry ministry as are fisheries and agri produce. There is the issue of location and, more critically, the question of whether there is a need for many of these bodies in the new millennium. This week, the PM announced the scrapping of 6,000 compliances to ease business climate. It is a welcome recognition of the hardships. There is also the Permission Raj — a new power project requires over 90 clearances, a hotel over 110 clearances and so on. Labour laws have been codified but MSMEs face up to 60,000 possible compliances and over 3,300 filings. The fulcrum of complexity is located in the state's historical distrust of the entrepreneur.

This is aggravated by the landscape of governance. Three decades after the 1991 liberalisation, India has ministries for civil aviation, telecommunication, steel, chemicals, fertilisers, shipping, I&B, textiles et al. To paraphrase Parkinson, permissions and clearances expand to keep the behemoth employed. Peculiarly, the government is the policy maker, a player owning PSUs and the regulator in many sectors. World over, telecom, civil aviation, broadcasting and shipping are governed by independent regulators answerable to elected bodies.

Conceptually, minimum government is less about number of ministers or ministries and more about less government — aka minimal interface. The moot question for the government to answer is whether it should be doing everything that it is doing.

IT'S NOW DECLASSIFIED: RACISM RULES

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

RICHARD Nixon's secrets are out. He was a skunk. Widely disliked in America and outside, he became the only US President forced to resign. Henry Kissinger, the intellectual who exploited Nixon's lack of intellect, was a cunning operator who used his President's weakness to show off his own strength. It was a gloomy, cynical period of history for America and the world.

Declassified White House tapes have now revealed sensational details. Nixon comes out as a racist whose personal prejudices cast a shadow on world affairs for five eventful years (1969-1974). This was the time when Pakistan's attempt to crush the Bangladesh movement developed into a genocide. Bangladeshis received humanitarian support from India, which enraged Nixon-Kissinger. Nixon's questions about India led Kissinger to explain: "Indians are superb flatters, Mr President. They are masters of subtle flattery. That's how they survived 600 years. Their great skill is to suck up to people in key positions."

Nixon must have been pleased to hear that. His antipathy to Indians spewed out in words that were astonishing. In one taped conversation, he could be heard describing Indians as "the most sexless, nothing, these people. I mean, people say what about Black Africans? Well, you can say something, the vitality there, I mean they have a little animal-like charm, but God, those Indians, ack, pathetic. Uch!"

After his meeting with Indira Gandhi in 1971, Nixon told Kissinger: "To me, they turn me off. How the hell do they turn other people on, Henry? Tell me. They are repulsive and it's just easy to be tough with them." On another occasion in 1971, he went so far as to say, "I don't know how they reproduce."

Perhaps, Nixon made advances to an Indian woman and was rebuffed resolutely; she must have found him stinky. How else can one explain the bizarre opinions he expressed? His distaste for Indira Gandhi turned him into a generic India hater. Nixon-Kissinger's attempt to blame India for the collapse of what was 'East Pakistan' was a historical blunder. East Pakistan was steeped in Bengali culture and Bengali culture is famously uncompromising in its Bengaliness. The Pathan culture is so alien to Bengalis that it didn't have a chance when Pakistan tried to impose it on its eastern wing. It was an invitation to the east wing to break away. The only surprise is that the Pathans did not see what was so obvious.

Kissinger took his revenge by calling Indians "a scavenging people". This so-called intellectual had racist contempt

for Pakistanis, too. Once he told Nixon: "I tell you, the Pakistanis are fine people, but they are primitive in their mental structure. They just don't have the subtlety of the Indians." Now, we get an insight into the complete failure of the Nixon-Kissinger policies in South Asia. They were not only morally despicable; they were strategically bumbling.

In time Kissinger visited Delhi and Narendra Modi played host. But nothing can excuse the harm Kissinger did in his years of power and influence. The declassified tapes reveal him describing Indians as "the most aggressive people around" and even calling Indira Gandhi a "b...ch." Officially India never stood up to decry this and expose Kissinger for the selfish careerist that he was. It's unlikely that India has tapes it can declassify and show an Indian leader calling Nixon a "b...." We will say our culture is different. The world will say Indians are simply incompetent when it comes to the complications of diplomacy. Can we fault the world?

Let the essential details of history be never forgotten. When Bangladesh was trying to free itself from Pakistani Pathans' stranglehold, America sent the USS Enterprise to the Bay of Bengal as a warning to India. There was credible talk at the time that Nixon tried to instigate China to attack India. What was suspicion then was confirmed as fact when Kissinger met China's permanent representative to the UN Huang Hua in New York in 1971. Dropping diplomatic nuances, Kissinger directly told the Chinese official that if China attacked India, the US would support it and persuade Russia not to intervene.

It is easy to say that Kissinger did all this out of his hatred for India. It is easy to condemn hate. But hate seems to rule the world. Is it built into us all? Whites hating browns, browns hating blacks, blacks hating whites and browns. Is racism all around us and inside us whether we recognise it or not? Is the acceptance of hate an excuse to justify immorality in politics?

NEED FOR PROACTIVE SOCIAL POLICY

OPINION

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SOCIAL policy aims to improve human welfare and to meet human needs for education, health, housing and economic security. Important areas of social policy are well-being and welfare, poverty reduction, social security, justice, unemployment insurance, living conditions, animal rights, pensions, health care, social housing, family policy, social care, child protection, social exclusion, education policy, crime and criminal justice, urban development, and labour issues. It refers to programmes that redistribute resources across society and often seek to cushion people against life's socioeconomic risks.

These programmes usually take the form of cash transfers or in-kind benefits such as medical care. Taken together, social programmes constitute the welfare state. Modern social programmes span a multitude of policy areas, including those for the unemployed, retirees, the sick, the disabled, the poor, and families with children (Béland 2010).

We need to appreciate the state's role to ensure proper redistribution of wealth and facilities and to provide health and social security especially in a country like India wherein 29% of the population are still under poverty line, about 70% are very poor and 94% of the employment is in the unorganised sector, which has no protection to wages, employment guarantee, benefits after retirement, insurance and social security.

In developed countries, "private" benefits offered by employers play a key role in the world of social policy. Esping-Andersen (1990).This is particularly true in the US, where employers and other private providers have long been prominent social policy actors, a situation promoted by large tax subsidies and contracting out for the delivery of social services. In India, this is almost non-existent. American politicians who have favoured increasing government observance of social policy often do not frame their proposals around typical notions of welfare or benefits; instead, in cases like Medicare and Medicaid, President Lyndon Johnson presented a package called the Great Society that framed a larger vision around poverty and quality of life. The Obama Care Scheme was a major social policy to take care of the health of the poor.

The Bismarckian regime (e.g., Belgium, France, and Germany) is grounded in large and fragmented social insurance systems, whose main goal is income and status maintenance rather than citizenship equality. Finally, the liberal regime (e.g., Canada, the UK, and the US) gives a central role to market forces and private benefits, which means that government plays a residual role in the provision of welfare. In other words, government tends to intervene only when the market is perceived to have "failed." However, even though welfare has been a central theme, interestingly the welfare state has long been a source of controversy and struggle in the US and other advanced industrialised nations.

Contemporary politics in this country and others is often dominated by the contentious questions of who gets what from government, and who pays for it. The distributive choices that emerge from these struggles have major consequences for individuals, societies, and politics. In India in the last 10 years, there has been a rise of demands on the Government to reduce subsidies to the poor and increate greater privatisation to improve the economy.

Privatisation of a large part of the economy is a great concept, when social security and good quality health care is available to the majority of the poor and middle class. However, if rampant privatisation is done without offering

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proper protection to the poor, it can create greater unemployment, poverty and social problems for the poor.

India is one of the highest collectors of tax and, therefore, it falls to reason that it should develop a very robust social security system to protect the poor and the middle class, elders, migrant labour which is roughly 85% of the population. More than ever, the world in which we live is a fluid and dynamic environment. Social, cultural and economic manifestations are imported and comparative social policy exported across borders.

People flow between countries and there has been a proliferation of international organisations such as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the World Bank, the European Union and the International Monetary Fund, and an increase in the number of transnational companies which have no specific national base. It is important to explore these and other key aspects of globalisation, and consider the political and ideological developments of recent decades that have facilitated the process.

The expansion of capitalist social relations, the end of the ideological opposition between East and West, the emergence of a 'transnational governance', and the discrediting and demise of Keynesian macro-economic management and its replacement by a neo-liberal agenda emphasising deregulation, privatisation and free trade are all elements of a new era of global capitalism.

We need to understand and appreciate the globalising processes taking place, as we are part of the global economy, but must remain sensitive to differences between nations as well as similarities and create social policy which is unique to our needs realising we have a predominantly poor population. The primary outcome of social policy is to improve the well-being of individuals, groups, and communities. If majority of the population is disadvantaged, no nation can develop.

Views expressed are personal

QUOTE CORNER

From this place, where faith was born, let us affirm that God is merciful and that the greatest blasphemy is to profane his name by hating our brothers and sisters. Hostility, extremism and violence are not born of a religious heart...

Pope Francis, head of the Catholic Church

Transfer of power through elections is a non-negotiable principle for us. We stand ready to discuss holding free, fair and inclusive elections under the auspices of the international community

Ashraf Ghani, Afghan President

I don't know how they (Buckingham Palace) could expect that after all of this time, we would still just be silent if there is an active role that the firm is playing in perpetuating falsehoods about us

Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex

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Thriller in making in Bengal

The news 'Fewer minorities, 40% new faces in Didi's list' shows that Mamata has used pragmatism in ticket allocation in what appears to be a 'do-or-die' battle for her. Nomination of new faces and fielding more women and SC/ST candidates from unreserved constituencies is a clever move to neutralise strong anti-incumbency sentiment. It will be interesting to see how the BJP counters TMC's ticket distribution strategy. West Bengal election is headed to be a super thriller

Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

AAP should focus on Delhi

This refer to 'AAP retains hold, gets a reality check'. AAP is playing its cards dexterously and seemingly coming of age. In its infancy, the party was in the news for being at loggerheads with the Centre. Now in the public's eye, it is viewed as a no-nonsense party and seen focused on governance of the national capital. Having said, it is concurrently nurturing ambitions to widen its foot print pan-India and has every right to do so. But in a country where elections are fought on money and muscle power, the AAP is going too far. It should eschew biting more than what it can chew and rather zero-in on Delhi like other regional parties

Deepak Singhal, Noida

Dissidents churn out reports

With reference to "Report on 'partly-free' India is misleading, incorrect and misplaced: Govt", it is to be noted that since the ascendancy of Modi to Power in 2014, periodical reports casting aspersions on the well-established democratic practices in India, are being churned out to denigrate India's status as a free country. These reports are prepared based mainly on the malignant feedback provided by the dissident Indian activists who are frequent visitors to USA as attendees of various junketed programmes. The latest downgrading of India's status as a partly free democratic country is abysmally abusive and based on distorted data. That being so, the downgrading of India's status by the US Govt-funded Freedom House is a misnomer

Ravi Mannethu, Pullad, Kerala

Uneasiness comes out in open

The unresolved farmers' agitation has unmasked the Centre's nervousness with difference of opinion. Activist Disha Ravi, lawyer Nikita Jacob and engineer Shantanu Muluk were arrested over the toolkit case. Lately, filmmakers Anurag Kashyap and Vikas Bahl and actress Taapsee Pannu had their offices raided by I-T sleuths over 'Income Tax evasion'. They, too, had spoken in favour of the farmers. The current central government, like the preceding ones, utilises Central agencies to intimidate citizens who oppose its policies. The good old misuse of Central agencies to settle scores has taken on grotesque proportions. If this isn't an undeclared Emergency, then what is?

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Ease of living for whom?

With reference to the article "What ease of living? Look at our roads, says citizens" (March 6), I would like to point out the weather in Bengaluru that worsen the conditions of the already spoiled roads. I have experienced the same situation near my house countless times when the roads have been dug out in order to install pipelines and are left unpaved. During dry weather this creates a lot of dust in the air leading to troubles for those who have respiratory problems and during rains this creates slippery and muddy roads leading to many accidents

Greeshma S Bhat, Bengaluru

Be cautious in approach to Pak

The column 'Is the India-Pakistan cease fire a googly?' (March 6) is incisive. However, the sphere of relation between the two countries has been in rigmarole and beyond perception especially for Indian diplomacy. Moreover, the present situation has been made more baffling with the virtual control of Pakistan by China. Hence, any chicanery by our adversaries cannot be ruled out.

A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
BJP government raised platform ticket prices by 300% and broke its own record of levying more than 200% of the cost on petrol-diesel

Narendra Singh Tomar @nstomar
Investment in agriculture should be increased and farmers could sell their produce at the desired place and price

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
Nails laid on Delhi border for the farmers whose sons spend lives on the country's border. Food givers ask for rights, government tortures them

CAGed?

Comptroller and Auditor General reports came down from 55 in 2015 to just 14 in 2020, a fall of nearly 75%; defence audit report fell from eight in 2017 to zero last year; experts say expenditure of public money should be properly audited

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

THE number of reports brought out by the country's top audit body, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, has come down sharply in the past five years, raising concerns that the government's financial accountability is not coming under the CAG's gaze very closely.

The total number of CAG reports relating to central government ministries and departments came down from 55 in 2015 to just 14 in 2020, a fall of nearly 75%, a reply to an RTI application filed by this newspaper said.

The CAG's mandate is to serve as a watchdog, bringing out financial, performance and compliance reports of the government.

"The CAG is the supreme audit institution of India and is expected to promote financial accountability and transparency in the affairs of the audited entities," the CAG said in its 2019-20 own performance report.

The power its reports yield came out starkly during the United Progressive Alliance government of Manmohan Singh. Its scathing reports on the 2G auction, coal block auction, Adarsh housing society and the Commonwealth Games of 2010 blighted Singh's corruption-free image and brought down his government.

The information received through the RTI application revealed that the number of CAG reports tabled in Parliament was the highest in 10 years during the early years of the National Democratic Alliance government. But the numbers have fallen steadily after that.

The RTI reply revealed that defence audit reports prepared and tabled in Parliament have also come down during the last few years. While eight audit reports were tabled in Parliament in 2017, it was zero last year.

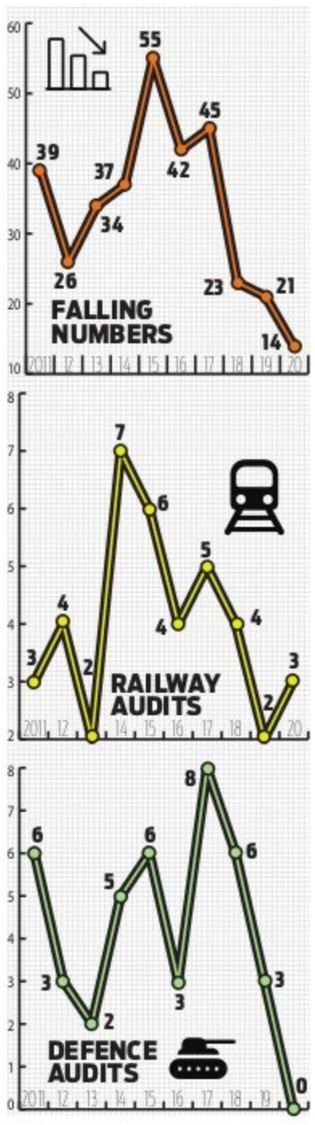
The story is repeated in railway audit reports. In 2017, five reports were prepared but it was only there in 2020.

Former IAS officer Jawahar Sircar said the trend was bad as the CAG's primary duty was to audit the expenditure of public money. "The last two-three CAGs have not been very aggressive like Vinod Rai. In fact, they were unusually lenient and soft."

Sircar said even serious issues such as the impact of demonetization was not taken up by the CAG for audit. "What was the impact of banning the circulation of ₹1,000 notes? This came at a time when this institution was required to stand up."

Former Lok Sabha secretary general P D T Acharya said the CAG's mandate was to look into the accounts of the government and public sector undertakings and the falling numbers meant that the CAG was not picking up financial transaction for examination.

"The CAG has to find out whether money has been spent judiciously and as per the rules/laws. It is for the CAG to pick up all these transactions of the government and examine them.



That means the CAG has picked up less number of things or the CAG perhaps did not find anything wrong in the accounts," he said.

When contacted, the CAG refused to comment but a source claimed that appropriation of finance accounts reports, which are mandatory in nature, are sent every year. "There may be some fall here and there on the compliance and performance audit reports as these are theme based and depend on the risk assessment," the official said.

Central team hints at indigenous mutation of virus in Maharashtra

State bearing highest brunt of the caseload is seeing a worrying rise of Covid-19 cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

EVEN as the Centre dispatched another central team to visit Maharashtra on Saturday, a report by the team sent earlier this week has hinted at the possibility of indigenous mutation making Covid virus more infectious but less virulent in parts of the state.

Maharashtra, bearing the highest brunt of caseload since the beginning of the pandemic last year, is seeing a worrying rise of infections over the past few weeks, following a swift decline in cases for nearly 2 months.

The state on Friday registered 10,216 new infections—the highest since October 16—maintaining a trend of upward growth in daily cases. The state now has 88,838 active cases.

The 3-member team, has also said in its report to the Centre that while the exact causes for the rise in cases are not known, possible factors for the surge could be lack of Covid inappropriate behaviour, pandemic fatigue, gram panchayat elections, marriage season and opening of schools, slowdown in testing, crowded public transport apart from laxity on the part of the health machinery.

"The virus is spreading to hitherto unaffected areas and most cases are asymptomatic. People are not forthcoming for strictly following quarantine or getting testing done. Sense is that the current wave is less virulent," says the 6 page report.

The team, led by joint secretary Nipun Vinayak in the Union health ministry, has also informed the Centre, after interacting with top functionaries including Chief Minister Uddhav Thakre, that the state has asked for more flexibility in Covid-19 vaccination including data management.

The state, according to the report, has said that if the final goal is to increase immunity in the community by vaccinating a maximum number of people, prioritisation may not be serving much value, thus seeking permission to vaccinate everyone willing—subject to the availability of doses.

Based on the feedback they received in Pune, a hotspot city that reached a high level of infections earlier but is seeing a second wave, their report lists "possibility of indigenous virus mutation making it more infectious and less virulent.. High temperature variations within a day ranging between 8-10 degrees a day may be conducive (for the virus to thrive)," as a probable cause of rise in cases.

"The epidemiological data suggests that mutation in the virus could have some role to play in the rise in cases in some parts but it will be more prudent to wait for results from more genetic sequencing of virus samples," said a scientist attached with one of the 10 institutes currently involved in SARS CoV 2 sequencing consortium.

An elderly person being administered the Covid-19 vaccine in a paid centre at SRCC Hospital in Mumbai on Saturday | PTI

EXPRESS READ

Ram temple donations cross `25,000 million

New Delhi: Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra (Trust) has received huge contribution of nearly `25,000 million from people from across the country in the big campaign held between January 15 and February 27 this year for construction of the Ram Temple. General Secretary of the Trust, Champat Rai said that the foundation digging and earth removal works are almost 60 per cent completed and it is expected that the foundation filling work will get started in the first week of April-2021. In February, the audit of the campaign in every district of the country would also be completed, Champat Rai said.

Physical hearings in SC from March 15

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

The Supreme Court of India will commence limited physical hearings from March 15. The physical hearings will be limited to final or regular hearing matters on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursday and the court will adopt a hybrid physical mode which will give an option to the party to choose between physical and online mode.

"The system of physical hearings will be on an experimental basis, and as a pilot scheme, the final hearing or regular matters listed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays may be heard in the hybrid mode, as may be decided by the concerned bench, considering the number of parties in a matter as well as the limited capacity of the Court rooms, all other matters, including those listed on Mondays and Fridays shall continue to be heard through video or tele-conferencing mode," the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued stated.

In case of a matter directed to be listed for hybrid hearing, if none of the parties opts for physical hearing, the matter would be taken up through video/tele-conferencing.

100 DAYS

Farmers ready for talks with govt, reiterate demands

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

FARMERS have reiterated their stand that they are ready for talks with the central government, but added that they will not accept the three farm laws. Farmer union leaders said this while staging a blockade of the 135 km Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway, to mark 100 days of their protests against these laws.

"Farmers peacefully blocked the KMP from 11 am to 4 pm. With this successful event, farmers have given a message that their spirit is undying. Several attempts were made to discredit this movement, but the government's plot was exposed by the farmers," said Darshan Pal of Samyukta Kisan Morcha.

"We are ready for talks if the government invites us. But our demand is the same — withdraw the three farm laws. Today's protest was symbolic and it will become bigger," said Bhartiya Kisan Union (Rajewal Group) president Balbir Singh Rajewal. He added that farmers will not accept the same laws even with modifications.

BKU leader Rakesh Tikait warned that the stir will intensify unless the Centre pays heed to their demands. "Like Delhi borders, KMP can also be blocked completely. Today was a trial for five hours," he said.

It's time for summer holiday in Paris: Taapsee hits back after I-T raids

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DAYS after income tax authorities raided properties linked to Bollywood actor Taapsee Pannu, and filmmaker Anurag Kashyap, the unfazed duo took to social media to hit out at the raids and took a dig at their alleged illegal possessions and tax discrepancies.

Pannu wrote that the three-day long I-T raids were primarily on keys to an "alleged"

Paris bungalow, an "alleged" receipt for ₹5 crore, and a "memory of 2013 raid." At the end of her twitter thread, she wrote, "not so sasti" anymore.

On Wednesday, income tax department officials had raided 30 properties linked to filmmaker Kashyap and Pannu in Pune and Mumbai over alleged their tax evasion. Both were also questioned by officials in Pune. "Three days of intense search. Of three things primarily: 1. The keys of the 'alleged' bungalow that I apparently own in Paris. Because summer holidays are around the corner," Pannu tweeted sarcastically.

In the second tweet, Pannu wrote, "The alleged receipt worth 5 crore to frame n keep for future pitching coz I've been refused that money before." This was followed by a third tweet where she wrote, "My memory of 2013 raid that happened with me according to our honourable finance minister." a post script in the tweet said, "not so sasti anymore."

In a tweet attaching a photo of Pannu and him on the sets of their second project, Kashyap wrote "and we restart our shoot." On Instagram, he captioned their photo on the sets together, and wrote, "And we restart #DoBaaraa .. with all our love to all the haters."

Actor Swara Bhasker came out in their support by retweeting Pannu's thread, and replying to Kashyap's picture with emojis. Earlier, she had written 'appreciation' tweets for the duo expressing her solidarity with their 'talent' and 'courage'. "More power to Anurag," she had written in one tweet, while her tweet for Pannu said, "Stand strong warrior."

Put digital media rules on hold: Editors Guild

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Editors Guild of India (EGI) on Saturday expressed concern over the recently notified Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021, saying it has the potential to undermine media freedom in India.

It urged the government to put the rules on hold and conduct meaningful consultation with all stakeholders.

"The rules, issued under the Information Technology Act, 2000, fundamentally alter how publishers of news operate over the Internet and have the potential to seriously undermine media freedom in India," said the Guild's statement.

"They empower the Union government to block, delete or modify published news anywhere in the country without any judicial oversight and mandate all publishers to establish a grievance redressal mechanism. Various provisions in these rules can place unreasonable restrictions on digital news media, and consequently media at large," it added.

Legal experts and digital rights activist have repeatedly raised concerns over the new guidelines since they were notified.

The EGI said it was concerned that the government did not consult stakeholders before notifying the "far-reaching rules".

"The government must take note of the fact that in the name of reining an unfettered social media, it cannot overwhelm India's constitutional safeguards for free media that has been the cornerstone of our democracy," the Guild said. Citing the new rules as a "soft-touch self-regulatory architecture", the government recently brought into effect a Code of Ethics and three-tier grievance redressal mechanism for news publishers, digital media and OTT platforms.

The three-level grievance redressal mechanism will include self-regulation by publishers, addressing grievance within 15 days, self-regulation by publishers' self-regulating bodies.

Independent women artists to get a boost courtesy WICCI project

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

The Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WICCI) is launching a project on March 8 — International Women's Day — for independent artists.

Founded by Harbeen Arora, WICCI is India's first national all-women business chamber empowering women entrepreneurs and leaders in all walks of life. Under this umbrella organisation, the WICCI Arts Leadership Council aims to foster a culturally vibrant nation through "accredited growth of art". It aims to create financial literacy among artists to help them create a sustainable career.

Beena Unnikrishnan

"While our nation is home to several art forms, many have been lost. Several art forms are at the brink of extinction as it is difficult for artists to sustain... No art forms can survive the vagaries of time unless it is economically viable for the artist to carry forward with its practice as a means of livelihood," Beena Unnikrishnan, national president, Arts Leadership Council said in a joint statement with her deputy Ramanjit Kaur.

The project will also support artists who are engaged in the Pocket Movement — an initiative which is gaining momentum. The Council will extend support to 17-year-old Taarini Saraf as part of the endeavour. Similarly, the Council has also arranged a range of other activities as a part of the celebrations on the occasion.

Rawat safe for now, to remain U'khand CM

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

UTTARAKHAND Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat is safe for now as the BJP brass reposed faith in him despite a section of party leaders clamouring for his removal ahead of next year's assembly elections.

The BJP brass had convened an emergency meeting of core group of the state unit which set off the buzz about change of guard, said party insiders.

Party's central observer, former Chhattisgarh CM Raman Singh, and state in-charge Dushyant Kumar Gautam arrived from Delhi for the meet. The core group also comprises all six BJP MPs from Uttarakhand, the state party president, the chief minister and state cabinet ministers — Tirath Singh Rawat, Madan Kaushik, Dhan Singh Rawat. Raman Singh, BJP's national vice-president, spoke to at least four MPs separately behind closed doors.

"These (talks of changing the CM) are baseless rumours. Our government will complete four years on March 18. In the meeting, we discussed and reviewed the performance of the government and preparations of various programmes to be held on the occasion. The party will contest in 2022 with TS Rawat as the CM," BJP state president Bansidhar Bhagat said after a day packed with speculation in Dehradun.

Sources said after the Uttarakhand High Court in October last year directed the CBI to probe allegations of corruption against Rawat, the momentum to remove him had gained pace. However, the apex court had stayed the HC order.

The complaints against Rawat include bureaucracy not listening to MLAs and workers, centralised power, no cabinet expansion, ignoring those loyal to the party while favouring rebels from Congress, and corruption.

According to sources, three names were in race — Rajya Sabha MP Anil Baluni, Nainital MP and former state party president Ajay Bhatt and Union education minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'. In fact, Nishank reached Dehradun and had a separate meeting with Singh, fuelling the talks of change in guard. But, after marathon meetings, the state unit came out and stood behind Rawat.

Interestingly, the nine-day budget session of Uttarakhand assembly, which was scheduled to conclude on March 9, was cut short on Saturday, which further fuelled talks of the CM being replaced. "A party member privy to the developments said, "The central leadership was apprised by a group of MLAs that the party will lose elections if Rawat continues to be the CM."

Many recalled that in 2009 the BJP had replaced then CM B C Khanduri with Nishank and later brought back Khanduri in 2011, just six months before assembly polls in 2012.

TRANSFORMATION

14 cities of UP have been identified for transformation as per the growing urban requirements. Lucknow, Varanasi, Gorakhpur, and Gautam Buddh Nagar (Noida) are among the cities selected

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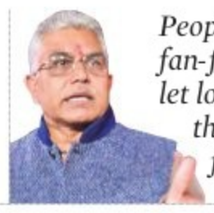
Bhopal	37	18	Panaji	32	22
Jaipur	35	21	Patna	33	18
Amritsar	28	16	Lucknow	36	22
Chennai	33	23	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	35	23	Imphal	28	11
Srinagar	16	04	Chandigarh	33	18

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

The BJP and Bengali culture are anti-thesis of each other. Both can never go together. Those joining the BJP will soon realise this and regret their decision – Aroop Biswas, TMC minister



People from the film industry have fan-following. The TMC government has let loose anarchy in Tollywood just like the entire state and actors seek freedom from it – Dilip Ghosh, WB BJP chief

Assam Pradesh Congress Committee has taken notice of a speculative news about resignation of Sushmita. We want to make it clear that she has not resigned from the party – Bobbeeta Sharma, Assam Congress spokesperson

Target defectors, Didi's mantra in prestige fight

West Bengal chief minister chooses Trinamool's Assembly election candidates with potential to put turncoats in BJP in a spot of bother

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE Trinamool Congress seems to have selected candidates for the upcoming Assembly elections with an eye on proving a point to the defectors. Going through the list of aspirants, it becomes evident that there is no one single strategy at play. But to take on the turncoats, the ploy appears to be fielding someone they may be uncomfortable taking on.

For starters, Mamata chose to contest from Nandigram. This constituency is in East Midnapore, perceived to be a stronghold of Suvendu Adhikari. This former TMC minister is a star campaigner for BJP after changing camps. If Mamata defeats him, it will send a strong signal. In any case, this will be the most-watched duel in this year's Bengal elections.

TMC sources said Mamata has adopted a strategy for each seat the prominent defectors are contesting from. This is based on the assumption that BJP will reward the turncoats with election tickets. In Behala East, TMC has fielded Ratna Chatterjee, estranged wife of former Kolkata mayor and minister Sovan Chatterjee. He has joined BJP with his friend Baishakhi Banerjee and is likely to contest from the same seat. "Chatterjee has expressed interest to contest from Behala East. Think about the contest. He will have to face his wife in the electoral battle," said a TMC leader.

In Domjur seat in Howrah district, BJP's likely candidate is former TMC minister Rajib Banerjee. Mamata's candidate in this seat, Kalyanendu Ghosh, is believed to be the man who scripted Banerjee's victory in 2016. "Banerjee won but Ghosh was the architect of his victory. He was sidelined because of infighting. This time, the CM has picked him to ensure Banerjee's defeat," said a senior TMC functionary.

TMC insiders said the CM was taking the battle against the defectors as a prestige fight. In Uttarpara, Mamata's choice is actor and comedian Kanchan Mallick, who joined TMC recently. Prabir Ghoshal, MLA from this seat, joined BJP recently. He is likely to contest from the same seat. But riding Mallick's popularity, TMC is sure to increase pressure on the saffron candidate.

Workers busy making a banner featuring Mamata Banerjee in Kolkata | PTI

Mamata has adopted a strategy for each seat the prominent defectors are contesting from. This is based on the assumption that BJP will reward the turncoats with election tickets

Trinamool leader

EX-RLY MINISTER & TMC MP DINESH TRIVEDI JOINS BJP

NEW DELHI: Former railway minister and Trinamool Congress MP **Dinesh Trivedi** joined the BJP on Saturday. Significantly, Trivedi's change of camp happened merely weeks ahead of the West Bengal Assembly polls. "This is the golden moment I have been waiting for," Trivedi said on Saturday after joining the saffron party at its headquarters in New Delhi in the presence of Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal. "There is violence, corruption, and terror in Bengal. Bengal is a land of culture. Today people of Bengal are happy for real transformation," he said. Welcoming him, BJP chief JP Nadda said he was "the right person in the wrong party. Now he is in the right party".

Trivedi resigned his Rajya Sabha and Trinamool memberships on February 12, saying he felt suffocated because of the violence in West Bengal.

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The Congress on Saturday announced its first list of 13 candidates for the West Bengal Assembly elections. Senior party leader Nepal Mahato has been fielded from the Baghmundi

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Number of parties involved in the fight between the two coalitions headed by BJP and Congress in Assam. The former has three parties, while the latter is made up of seven

No ticket, 2 WB MLAs look at BJP

At least two TMC MLAs have expressed displeasure at being overlooked while distributing tickets. Both have hinted at joining BJP. First, it was Shibpur MLA Jatu Lahiri who resigned from the party. TMC nominated cricketer Manoj Tiwary from his seat. Sonali Guha, once a close aide of Mamata and a four-time MLA, said she might go to BJP after being denied ticket. She had won from Satgachia

Raijor Dal chief to contest from jail

Jailed activist Akhil Gogoi will contest elections in Assam from Sibsagar as a candidate of his newly-floated Raijor Dal. Announcing a list of 17 candidates that the party will field in the first two phases, Raijor Dal working president Bhasco De Saikia said that party president Gogoi will contest from the Upper Assam constituency

Women's wing head not leaving: Assam Congress

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE Congress on Saturday rubbished reports that All India Mahila Congress chief Sushmita Dev had resigned from the party. "It has been brought to the notice of the Assam Pradesh Congress Committee that speculative news about the resignation of All India Mahila Congress president Sushmita Dev is doing the rounds on television and web portals. We want to make it clear that Sushmita Dev has not resigned from the party," Congress said in a statement.

Trouble started within the party over the selection of some candidates and its seat-sharing arrangement with the All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF), particularly in the Bengali-majority Barak Valley. Dev was apparently disappointed that she was not consulted during the process. A group of Congress workers from the Valley in southern Assam vented ire in front of party leaders who had gathered at a hotel in Guwahati, ostensibly to announce the first list of candidates. This has now been delayed.

The Valley has three districts — Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi — and 15 Assembly segments. Congress sources said Dev was annoyed that the party allowed AIUDF to contest in all three seats in Hailakandi. These seats are currently held by AIUDF.

Dev, it was learnt, was not happy that the Congress offered the Sonai and South Karimganj seats to AIUDF by ignoring her suggestions. The Mahila Congress chief was also unhappy with the Congress's choice of candidate in the Borkhola seat. The party said the differences would be ironed out soon.

Hoping for a turnaround in Assam, Congress is leading a grand alliance of opposition. It was formed with the sole aim of ousting the BJP from power. Apart from Congress and AIUDF, other components of the alliance are Bodoland People's Front, CPI, CPM, CPI-ML and a regional outfit.

Sidelined Mahanta urged to join AGP-P

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

FORMER Assam Chief Minister **Prafulla Kumar Mahanta**'s stand against the CAA proved costly, as he lost the ticket to BJP. Apparently, the game is not over yet. Leaders of an erstwhile faction of Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) have approached him to lead them. It's up to the ailing founder-president of AGP and Assam Agitation leader to make a choice.

The AGP, which is in alliance with BJP, has officially given the Bahrampur seat to its heavyweight partner. Jitu Goswami will contest from the seat Mahanta has held since 1985, when AGP wrested power from the Congress after the six-year long, bloody Assam Agitation. Mahanta's political future is now a subject of speculation.

A delegation of AGP (Progressive) or AGP-P met him on Saturday and expressed solidarity with him. "He (Mahanta) is still with AGP. The AGP leadership sold off his Bahrampur seat to the BJP. We told him we are with him. The people of Assam are with him. We told him that he can consider joining AGP-P," the unit's general secretary Pranab Goswami said.

He said Mahanta listened to them but did not make any commitment. AGP-P was Mahanta's brainchild. He floated it in 2005 in protest against his expulsion from the party. In 2008, AGP-P merged into AGP.

Goswami and other former AGP leaders had earlier formed Asom Sangrami Mancha and kept protesting against CAA. They are now trying to revive AGP-P and contest the polls. "I stand firmly with anti-CAA forces," Mahanta, who has been a critic of CAA, told journalists on Friday evening.

122 jailed under UAPA in 2001 freed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A Gujarat court on Saturday acquitted 122 persons arrested under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for participating in a meeting organised here in 2001 as members of the banned outfit Students' Islamic Movement of India (SIMI).

Chief Judicial Magistrate A N Dave acquitted 122 persons arrested for being members of the banned outfit SIMI, giving them the benefit of doubt. Five other accused had died during the pendency of trial.

In its order, the court said that the prosecution failed to produce "cogent, reliable and satisfactory" evidence to establish that the accused belonged to the SIMI. The court said the accused cannot be held guilty under the UAPA. As many as 127 persons were arrested by Surat police on December 28, 2001 for allegedly being members of the banned outfit.

With agency inputs

EXPRESS READ

Duo gets 30-yr prison term for raping minor

Bulandshahr: A court here on Saturday sentenced two persons to 30 years imprisonment each for raping a 13-year-old girl in January. Special POCSO court Judge Pallavi Agarwal also imposed a fine of `50,000 each on Biresh (21) and Gitam (20). The girl was raped on January 11 in a village under the Ramghat police station, Bulandshahr SSP Santosh Kumar Singh said.

UP hospital refuses to stitch, girl dies

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A three-year-old girl was allegedly left to die with her post-surgery stitches still open outside a private hospital in UP's Prayagraj district on Friday over non-payment of medical bills. The incident prompted the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights to issue a notice to the district administration seeking a report within 24 hours.

The child was handed over to her relatives by doctors of Unity Medicity Hospital without giving her the stitches and dressing after an abdominal surgery. The minor was left to die apparently because her medical bills had run into ₹5 lakh, which her parents were unable to pay. The family from Manjahanpur in Kaushambi had recently brought the girl to the hospital with severe abdominal pain.

The NCPCR also asked the Prayagraj DM to conduct a detailed inquiry, register an FIR and recommend strict action against doctors and staff of the hospital. It has asked the district administration to provide compensation to the family. The DM has formed a two-member team to look into the matter.

Punjab border drugs seizure highest in five years

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Covid-19 pandemic did not deter drugs smuggling from Pakistan. The Border Security Force (BSF) last year made a record 517-kg haul of heroin, which is the highest seizure in past five years.

The drug recovery in 2020 witnessed almost a three-fold rise compared to 2019 (228 kg), as per the BSF data. BSF soldiers also shot dead eight drug smugglers and intruders in separate encounters in 2020 and apprehended 13 of them.

RECOVERIES BY BSF

Year	Heroin	Weapons	Intruders apprehended
2016	230 Kg	12	31
2017	280 Kg	23	30
2018	231 Kg	19	24
2019	228 Kg	12	28
2020	517 Kg	43	13

"The number of intruders trying to cross over came down last year as we reacted swiftly," said a senior BSF official.

In 2020 in a humanitarian gesture, the Force handed over six Pakistanis to the Pakistan Rangers after they had inadvertently crossed the international border.

Sources said as the international flights were banned and also sea ports were closed due to the pandemic, the traffickers tried to smuggle the drugs through land routes.

"With almost every drug consignment, weapons too are sent along. The most common weapon is a .30 bore pistol," said a BSF officer. The BSF has also been able to free bonded labourers from farmers having land across the border fencing. In 2020 some 30 such labourers were rescued. "Most of the labourers belonged to UP, MP and Chhattisgarh," said a BSF officer.

BJP INFIGHTING

Raje, Poonia indulge in Rajasthan *yatra* politics

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

BJP president JP Nadda's appeal for unity appears to have failed to end the infighting in Rajasthan BJP. Former chief minister Vasundhara Raje will begin a two-day *Dev Darshan Yatra* from Sunday, which is timed to coincide with her birthday on March 8 and is set to be a show of strength.

Raje will visit several temples in Bharatpur and Dholpur districts in east Rajasthan. While there will be no political rallies during Raje's *yatra*, her loyalists are sparing no effort in getting supporters and people to gather in huge numbers and welcome Raje at every venue she visits. The aim is clearly to project her popularity.

To counter Raje, her arch rival and BJP state unit chief Satish Poonia will also be on a three-day trip of south Rajasthan, beginning Saturday. During the trip, he plans to visit the famous Tripura Sundari temple, where he will seek blessings for the upcoming Assembly bypolls, which are crucial for his future.

In addition, the party has launched a week-long *'halla bol'* campaign across the state from March 6 to 14. It's apparently aimed at exposing the Congress government's misdeeds, though political observers see it as an attempt to ensure that not too many workers flock to Raje's *yatra*.

Miffed at her alleged sidelining in the party, Raje loyalists have been demanding that she should be the party's CM face in 2023. They are planning to celebrate her birthday as *'Swabhiman Diwas'*.

Nadda, who had visited Jaipur on Tuesday, had got Raje and Poonia to join and raise hands together in order to bridge the growing rift in the state unit. But the two camps have instead upped the ante.

CM flags off electric bus services in state capital

Promoting eco-friendly transportation, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar flagged off 12 electric buses in Patna recently, besides launching 70 deluxe and semi-deluxe buses to different destinations from the state capital. The chief Minister said a total of 25 electric buses would start operations from this month. Transport Secretary Sanjay K Aggarwal said all the newly launched electric buses are equipped with CCTV cameras, panic buttons, GPS system and other security facilities. "Also, certain seats are reserved for women and girls in the electric buses," the Transport Secretary said.

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PATNA DIARY

10-day Silk India exhibition commences

The Silk India Art and Craft is organising a 10-day Silk India Exhibition at Patna with an aim to provide a wide range of saris, suited to various events like wedding ceremonies and family events. Manas Acharya, managing director of Silk India Art and Craft, said silk saris from 15 states are on display. The event started on March 5 and will continue till March 14. Silk saris from Coimbatore and Kancheepuram in Tamil Nadu, Bengaluru silk, Crepe and Georgette sarees from Karnataka, raw silk material, Kalamkari from Andhra, pure silk sari from Bihar and other states have been exhibited. Tabi silk, Pashimana shawl, Chinan silk from J&K, Jaipuri Kuti, block prints, Sanganeri prints, Kota Doria from UP, Shanti Niketan Kantha sarees from Bengal are the other attractions.

Alertness on part of cops a must for women safety

The director general of Bihar Home Guards, Shobha Ohatkar said alertness and promptness of police in responding to distress calls from women is one of the effective ways to ensure safety to women. Speaking as chief guest after inaugurating a five-day workshop on women safety at the police headquarter, Ohatkar dwelt upon various measures related to women safety in Bihar. The workshop is being organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Police Research and Development Bureau of New Delhi.

Self defence lessons for minority community girls

In an initiative aimed at empowering girls, Kishanganj police superintendent Kumar Ashish organised a self-defence training session for 800 girls from the minority community in the district. Organised at the Tauhid Educational Trust-run school, Kishanganj's specialised wing of women police personnel imparted training to the girls on self defence and made them aware about PINK patrolling also. The Kishanganj police superintendent, known for his creative policing methods, said that the specialised women force of district police are deployed exclusively for protection of girls and women.

HASSAN CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LIMITED
P.B. NO. 120, INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, B.M.ROAD, HASSAN –573201
PH NO : 08172-295436 FAX: 08172-240640
E- mail Address: purchase.hamul@gmail.com
IFT NO.HCMU/PUR/ EPROC /6384/2020-21 DATE: 25/02/2021

INVITATION FOR E TENDER (IFT)
TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER

HAMUL invites E-Procurement tender for **1)** Supply of Bopp tapes (Nandini Art Work and Coffee Day Art Work 60 X 650 mtrs) **2)** Quantity & EMD amount : as per bid notification available in e-portal. **3)** Last date for submission of tender: **16.03.2021.** up to 5.00 PM. 5) Technical bid opening : **18.03.2021** at 3.00 PM. 4) Address for communication : Assistant Manager (Purchase) at the above address. 5)Tender document may be downloaded from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/**. Tender No: **KMF/2020-21/IND** 8896

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No: AIL/SE(S&K)/ARC-Stationery/2021-22/627 Date: 05.03.2021

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(TWO COVER SYSTEM)

(Through e-procurement portal only)

Bids are invited from competent agencies for **"Annual Rate Contract (ARC) for supply of Stationery items at Bengaluru offices for a period of two years".** The tender document could be downloaded from the website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The last date for receipt of completed bids, both Technical bid (Cover-1) and Price bid (Cover-2), is up to **17:00 hrs on 16.03.2021.** Estimated Amount **Rs. 60,27,570/-** inclusive of all taxes. Further details can be obtained from the. **Superintending Engineer (Systems & KERP), KPCL, 4th Floor, KPCL Green Building, No. 3, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560001.** Mobile No: **9141615153,** e-Mail: **sesystemskpcl@karnataka.gov.in,** website: **www.karnatakapower.com**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

SME PEENYA BRANCH, 13 TH CROSS, 2ND STAGE, PEENYA INDUSTRIAL AREA, BANGALORE – 560058, PHONE: 080- 28360037/2661 e-Mail – cb2454@canaranbank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [See Rule 8(1) of SARFAESI RULES]

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank SME Peenya Branch, Bangalore-560058** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor/ having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor/ and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor/ in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantor/ Mortgagor :
1) M/s Augmentix Engineering Pvt Ltd, No 5-A, KIADB, Industrial Area, Phase I, Kumbalagodu, Bangalore - 560074 **represented by its Directors Mr. Guruprasad M S** C/o 5-A, KIADB Industrial Area, Phase I, Kumbalagodu, Bangalore - 560074 and **Mrs. Usha C residing** at No 242, 5th C Main, REMCO Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560040 and **Mr. M K Somashekara (Guarantor)** residing at No 242, 5th C Main, REMCO Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560040

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 99,99,923.12 (Rupees Ninety Nine Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Nine Hundred & Twenty Three and Paisa Twelve Only) as on **30.09.2020** and interest, legal and other charges thereon from **01.10.2020.**

Demand Notice Dated :03.10.2020 Possession Notice Date: 05.03.2021

Description of the Immovable Property : land and Building in the name of Sri. M.K.Soma Shekara situated at No 10 (Old No 242) 5th E Main, REMCO Layout, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru 560 040 measuring 1222.50 Sq ft and bounded as : East : Plot # 242/A, West : Plot # 241, North : Plot # 243, South : Road.

2. M/s Sree Balaji Rubbers, D 421, 10th Main, Peenya, Second Stage, Bengaluru-560058. **represented by its partners Sri B S Chandran Palaniammal,** No.2, 2nd Main, Balaji Layout, Vidyaranyapura, M S Palya Main Road, Bengaluru-560097, And **Smt Palani Ammal Alias Rajeswari,** No.2, 2nd Main, Balaji Layout, Vidyaranyapura, M S Palya Main Road, Bengaluru-560097,

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.37,36,020.43 (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Twenty and Paise Forty Three Only) as on **30.11.2020** and interest, legal and other charges thereon from **01.12.2020.**

Demand Notice Dated :08.12.2020 Possession Notice Date: 05.03.2021

Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.02, Khata No.56/13, Out of Converted Survey No.56/13, Converted for Non-Agricultural residential purpose vide official Memorandum NO.B.DIS/ALN/SR (N)82/1998-1999, dt: 27.02.1999, Bangalore. Situated at Mohammed Sab Palya, Jarakabandekaval Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 50 Feet and North to South: 34 Feet, totally 1700 Sq Ft and bounded as follows: East: Site No.01, West: Road, North: Site No.03, South: Road.

Date : 05.03.2021 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Canara Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my client has entered into agreement with Mr.Shabeer, Son of Late Salar Sahib, Aged about 69 years, Residing at No:44, Eighth Main, Eighth Cross, Second Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 011, agreeing to purchase property bearing Municipal No:44, situated at Shop Street (earlier Eighth Cross Road), Second Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No:153 (Old Ward No:50), PID No: 50-67-44, together with ground floor garage and residential structures on first and second floors standing thereon, Measuring, East to West : 20 ft., and North to South : 45 ft., In all ad-measuring 900 sq.ft. and bounded on the, East By : Property bearing Municipal No:45, West By : Property bearing Municipal No:43, North By : Shop Street (earlier Eighth Cross Road) and South By : Property bearing Municipal No:53;

Any, person, having any claim over the above property claiming through the predecessors in title or any other person, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within seven (7) days hereof, failing which my client will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client;

N S SATYANARAYANA GUPTA
K S NAYAK, N S RACHANA,
N C JANARDHAN
Rachana Law Associates,
"Lakshmideep", I Floor, No:2980, 17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore – 560 070;
PH : 97313 33880 Dt:06-03-2021

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE, MANGALORE, DK

OS NO: 612/ 2020

Between:
ENTRACK OVERSEAS -- PLAINTIFF
AND
JAVEED AND ANOTHER --- DEFENDANTS

NOTICE

TO,
DEFENDANT NO. 1: MR JAVEED, ADULT, PROPRIETOR, NATIONAL MOTORS, 'BLESSINGS' NO: 83, ROBERTSON ROAD, FRAZER TOWN, BANGALORE- 560 005

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ABOVE CASE FILED BY THE PLAINTIFF AGAINST YOU STANDS POSTED TO 17/3/2021 AT 11 A.M. FOR YOUR APPEARANCE. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE SAID DATE AND TIME EITHER IN PERSON OR THROUGH PLEADER YOU WILL BE SET EX-PARTE AND THE ABOVE CASE WILL BE PROCEEDED AND COURT DISPOSED OFF IN YOUR ABSENCE.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF ON THIS THE 26 DAY OF FEB 2021

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
CHIEF MINISTERIAL OFFICE, PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC, MANGALORE, D.K.
K.S. NAMBIAR
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Manchanabele Project Division, Ramanagara-562159
Ph: 080-27271259, e-mail: eempdrmgm@gmail.com

No.: EE/MPD/S.T.Notification-11/2020-21 **Date: 05-03-2021**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION: 11/20-21
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only) www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

The CNNL hereby invites Request for Proposal (RFP) through short term tender notice for the work of **"Consultancy services for preparation of required action plan for Implement the recommendations report submitted by NEERI of Construction of Diversion weir and Channel for Byramangala Reservoir of Ramangara Taluk, Ramanagar District".** Regarding EMD, Pre-bid meeting date, date of opening of Technical bid and financial bid and for other details please contact the above office said office or visit the above website.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
M.P. Division, Ramanagara

SAD/DIPR/RMN/507/Yakshi/2020-21

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre- RACPC – MWM (Code:41161)
No.97, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Bengaluru – 560020
Ph.080-23568818-21. Fax : 080-23568821
Email: racpc.bz1@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

HL 64192368987/64192371150/ Ref: YLR/ 40894/HL/40

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **28.12.2020** calling upon the borrowers: **1) Smt. Kalpana** W/o. Late Chikka Thimmegowdda M and Legal Heirs of ChikkaThimmegowdda M (deceased borrower) **1) Smt. Kalpana** and ii) Smt.Kalpana Mother & natural guardian of Master Rathvi (Minor) and iii) Smt.Kalpana Mother & natural guardian of Miss Thripurambica (Minor) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.64,17,090/-** (Rupees Sixty Four Lakhs Seventeen Thousand and Ninety Only) as on 27.12.2020 with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost and charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/legal heirs of Late ChikkaThimmegowdda M having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower /legal heirs of Late ChikkaThimmegowdda M and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on **04.03.2021**

The borrower/legal heirs of Late ChikkaThimmegowdda M in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.64,53,839/-** (Rupees Sixty Four Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Nine only) as on 01.03.2021 and interest + expenses thereon.

The borrower/legal heirs of Late ChikkaThimmegowdda M / mortgagor attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Site No. 08, Khata No. 345, formed in portion of Assessment No. 09, Ward No. 71, situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West 60feet and North to South 40 feet, standing in the name of Shri. M Chikkathimmegowda S/o. C Muthurayappa and bounded on East by: Site No. 14, West by: 30 feet Road, North by: Site No. 07 and South by: Site No. 09.

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 04.03.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
STATE BANK OF INDIA
RACPC, Malleswaram, Bengaluru

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. CD/KPCL/NB/WS/1145 **Date: 05.03.2021**

ABSTRACT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
Through e-Procurement portal Only

Short term tenders are invited through GoK e-Procurement platform **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from KPCL registered Contractors having adequate financial resources, state-of-art technology, suitable construction equipment and technical manpower with sufficient past experience in executing civil works for the work of **"Providing water supply pipeline to water purifiers and other miscellaneous works at KPCL office complex, Bengaluru".** Those who have not registered in e-Procurement portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** may do so in order to participate in the tender. The last date of submission of bid is **19.03.2021.** Further details can be obtained from the Office of the **Chief Engineer (Civil Designs), KPCL, No. 03, Near Drug Controller premises, Palace Road, Bengaluru. e-mail: cecdkpcl@karnataka.gov.in, ccedbng@gmail.com, Website: www.karnatakapower.com**

SWARNA BHARATHI SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA

No 2999, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-70. Ph: 26762629 / 30

POSSESSION NOTICE

(Rule 8(1))(for immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of SWARNA BHARATHI SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA, under the **Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of SecurityInterest (Second) Ordinance, 2002** (Ord.3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the **Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002,** issued a demand notice dated:**18/08/2020** calling upon the borrower **1) Smt. Damayanthi W/o Late D.Kapila aged about 59 Years, 2) Smt. Shalini D/o Late D, Kapila, aged about 33 years, 3)Smt. Suma D/o Late D, Kapila, aged about 31 years, 4) Smt. Renu D/o Late D, Kapila, aged about 29 years** All are residing at No. 13, Venkateshwara Nilaya, 20th cross, Viveknagar,(Post),Ejipura, Bangalore-560047,to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs 1,41,26,015/-** (Rupees One Crore Forty One Lakh Twenty Six Thousand and fifteen only)**within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rules on this 9th day of February -2021.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of SWARNA BHARATHI SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA, Banashankari IInd Stage, Bangalore-70. for an amount of Rs.**Rs.1,52,20,433/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifty Two Lakhs Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Three only) and Interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

Property Details:bearing No. 451/4, Measuring East to West 12.19 Meters or 40 Feet and North to South 18.29 Meters or 60 Feet, Situated at Ejipura, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, together with the building constructed thereon Measuring around 51 square (Chadara). Presently known as Property bearing New No.24, 18th Cross, Ejipura, Bengaluru, Ejipura Ward No 68/148, Vide PID No.68-15-24. And bounded on the:-

East by : Property of Smt.A Lakshmi Ammal,
West by : Property of Sri. K Krishnappa,
North by : Property of Sri. Ammayappa,
South by : Road.

Authorised Officer and
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Swarna Bharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha,
No.2229, 23rd cross Road,
Banashankari IInd Stage, Bangalore – 70.

Date: 09-02-2021
Place: Bangalore

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAMA LIMITED

(Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer
VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division, No.3 Arasikere
Ph: 08174233111 e-mail: eeypd3ask@gmail.com

Tender Notification No: EE/YP/VJNL/DIV-03/YGC/TN/2020-21/1262 **Dated: 05.03.2021**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No:03/2020-21dtd: 05.03.2021 (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Only through E-procurement system)

Tenders in electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" are invited on behalf of Managing Director, VisvesvarayaJalaNigama Limited, Bangalore by the Executive Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division No.3, Arasikere, Hassan District in two cover system (Cover I and Cover II) from **KPWD Class I / VJNL or KNNL enrolled category III and above** contractors for the **05** number of package works of improvements of road works in the Belur and Arasikere Constituency of Hassan Distand**01** package work for construction of check of dams in arasikere taluka of Hassan dist.Details such as submission of bids/EMD/FSD/ tender conditions/Pre-qualification criteria/ Pre bid details and other information related to above said works can be obtained through e-portal *www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in*. Intending bidder can access the tender documents from **09.03.2021 through e-portal.** The authority competent to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons and will not be bound to accept the lowest tender. Corrigendum/addendum will be published in the e-portal only. Any further information required may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours. **Executive Engineer,VJNL, YP Division, No.3,Arasikere. Ph: 08174233111, e-mail: eeypd3ask@gmail.com**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
VJNL, Y P Division, No.3 Arasikere

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the Executive Engineer
Department of Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development, MI & GWD Division, Mandya

TENDER EXTENTION NOTIFICATION NO:11/2020-21, Dated : 06-03-2021

ItemWise Tenders are invited from registered and eligible contractors under " e - Procurement " Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender bid documents KW-3 and KW-4. Under the Head of Account **4702-LIS there are 07 No's of works**, amount put to tender ranging from as low as **Rs. 91.50 Lakhs** to as high as **Rs. 250 Lakhs,** Under the Head of Account 4711-Flood work there are 03 No's of works, amount put to tender ranging from as low as **Rs. 53.30 Lakhs** to as high as **Rs. 530.60 Lakhs,** Under the Head of Account 4702-New tanks there is 01 work, amount put to tender is **Rs. 180.00 Lakhs,** Under the Head of Account 4702-MOT there is 01 works, amount put to tender is **Rs. 865.00 Lakhs** and Under the Head of Account 4702-ABP there is 01 of works, amount put to tender is **Rs. 65.00 Lakhs.** Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office up to dated : **12.03.2021** during office hours. The tenders may be uploaded (Technical and Financial bids to be uploaded separately) and requisite documents through website " **www.eproc.karnataka.govt.in** " upto **dated : 26.03.2021 up to 17-00 Hours.** Financial bids of the bidders will be opened on dated : **29.03.2021 at 11-00 AM.** All the rights are reserved for postponement or cancellation of all works or any of the work of this tender by the under signed. Terms and conditions required for the each work is published in the " e - Procurement " Tender Portal. Any additional information is available at the office of the undersigned. Any corrections regarding the works will be published in " e - Procurement " portal only.

Sd/-ExecutiveEngineer, MI & GWD Division, Mandya.

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Invitation For Tenders (IFT)
KW.2&4 e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Two cover system for Class-2 & 3 and above Contractors registered in PWD for 03 works under different Head of accounts in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through e-procurement. The dates are published as below. (Maximum APT Rs.150.00 Lakhs and Minimum Rs.50.00Lakhs/-,

(1) Last date for tender information queries: **19.03.2021** : 16.00 **(2)** Last date for submission of tender: **22.03.2021** : 16.00 **(3)** Date of opening the Technical bid: **23.03.2021**: 16.30 **(4)** Date of opening the Financial bid. (Less than Rs.50.00Lc) : **23.03.2021** : 16.30 **(5)** Date of opening the Financial bid. (More than Rs.50.00Lc): **24.03.2021** : 11.00

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.

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ಪುರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಬೊಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ

ಆನೇಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ – 560099
ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 080–27834655, E-Mail: ltstaff_ulb_bommasandra@yahoo.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : TMCB/Tech/Tender/10/2020-21. ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.03.2021

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ & ಮುಂದೂಡಿಕೆ)

ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ **TMCB/Tech/Tender/10/2020-21.** ದಿನಾಂಕ: **24–02–2021** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾದ 2020–21ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಬೊಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ ಪುರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 250 ಕೆ.ಎಲ್.ಡಿ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ **Compact Modular STP (Design, Construction, Supply, Installation, Testing and successful commissioning of Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Instrumentation works of 250 KLD Capacity Sewage Treatment Plant of Moving Bed Bio-reactor (MBBR) Technology with allied works in Bommasandra Town including 5 years operation and maintenance of the components built under this contract) (INDENT NO: DMA/2020-21/WT/WORK _INDENT113922)** ಘಟಕಗಳನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಿ ಅಳವಡಿಸಲು ಮತ್ತು ಐದು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಗೆ **ರೂ. 206.12** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಹಾಗೂ –ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಾಗಿರುವ **ADDENDUM-1** ರಂತೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು, ಉಳಿದಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : **06–03–2021 ಸಮಯ : 16:30,** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : **09–03–2021 ಸಮಯ : 17:00,** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : **12–03–2021 ಸಮಯ : 11:00,** ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : **15–03–2021 ಸಮಯ : 11:00.**

ಸಹಿ/– ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಬೊಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ

ವಾಪಾಸಂಇ/ಬೆಂನಗರ/ಕಿರಿಡಿ ಸಾಯ/3034/2020–21

ಕೋವಿಡ್-19 - ಗಾಳಿಸುದ್ದಿ ಹರಡಬೇಡಿ, ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯುಂದ ವರ್ತಿಸಿ, ಸೋಂಕನ್ನು ದೂರವಿಡಿ-ಸೋಂಕಿತರನ್ನಲ್ಲ.
ಮಾಸ್ಕ್ ಧರಿಸಿ | 6 ಅಡಿ ದೈಹಿಕ ಅಂತರ ಪಾಲಿಸಿ | ಕೈಗಳ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ಕಾಪಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division Chikkodi

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-1/TENDER/2020-21/6912 DATE: 05/03/2021

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 1 work under head of account 5054-SH Improvements, 1 work under head of account 3054-MDR Maintenance & 1 work under head of account 3054-SH Maintenance, Total 3 No of works. Amount put to tender Minimum of Rs. 131.58 Lakhs and Maximum of Rs. 1315.79 Lakhs.

Calendar of events for the works at Sl. No. 2 & 3:
1)Pre-bid meeting date: 12-03-2021 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 16-03-2021 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 18-03-2021 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 20-03-2021 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

Calendar of events for the work at Sl. No. 1:
1)Pre-bid meeting date: 24-03-2021 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed.2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 26-03-2021 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 29-03-2021 up to 5.00 PM,4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 31-03-2021 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikkodi.

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CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Right Bank Canal Division, Holenarasipura - 573211

Short term tender notification 14 / 2020-21
Dated: 06.03.2021

Item rate tender is invited through e-procurement portal only for the below mentioned work in **two cover system as per KW - 4 Format** by the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Right Bank canal Division, Holenarasipura Hassan Dist., Karnataka State on behalf of the Managing Director, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited, Bangalore from the eligible Contractors of KPWD/ CPWD/Other Public Sector Organizations and should have registered their names in the CNNL, Mysore/Bangalore as category of civil and electrical I-A and above. The details of events are below. **1.**Tender processing charges (in Rs.) : Refer as per e-Procurement. **2.** The contractor can have access to e-tender document from **08.03.2021 to 18.03.2021** up to **4.00** pm. **3.**Last date for submission of tender is **18.03.2021 up to 4.00 pm. 4.**A Pre-bid meeting is convened on **15.03.2021 at 11.30 AM** in the office of the Chief Engineer, Hemavathy project Gorur. All the queries will be answered in the pre-bid meeting. **5.Cover–I (Technical bid)** will be opened in the office of Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathi right bank canal division Holenarasipura **on 20.03.2021 at 4.30 PM. 6.Cover –II (Financial bid)** will be opened only after approval of Technical bid on **24.03.2021** on words. **7.**No. of work: 01 Work **8.**Nature of work: Electrical work **9.**Cost of works: Rs. 186.39 lakhs **10.**EMD: EMD declaration form should be uploaded. **11.**Class of Contractor: Class **1-A** and above. **Note:- 1.**The under signed reserves right to reject or accept the tenders at any time without giving any reasons. **2.**The amount put to tender is subject to variation and the details of tender can be had in the e-procurement portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and also during office hours. **3.**The bidder should upload the necessary documents as per the pre-qualification criteria vide bid document in e-portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
CNNL, HRBC Division, Holenarasipura

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ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ ಜಲ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿ ವಿ.ಜ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ಎತ್ತಿನಹೊಳೆ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ–2, ಹೇಮಾವತಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ಆವರಣ ತುಮಕೂರು–572102. ಕಛೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0816–2201844, ಇ–ಮೇಲ್ ವಿಳಾಸ: eeypd2tmk@gmail.com

Ref: 1.V.J.N.L/YP/E.E/D.2/TMK/TSP/TND-17/2020-21/2078, **Dated:06.03.2021**
2. V.J.N.L/YP/E.E/ D.2/TMK/TSP/TND-18/2020-21/2079, **Dated:06.03.2021**
3. V.J.N.L/YP/E.E/ D.2/TMK/ROAD/TND-19/2020-21/2080, **Dated:06.03.2021**

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ ಜಲ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ **ಎತ್ತಿನಹೊಳೆ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ "ಶೇಕಡವಾರು"** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಅನ್ನು ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ವಿವರ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳಾ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯ ವಿವರಗಳು	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು		
		Construction of CC Road and Drain in Patravathanahalli ST Colony and link road from Jalaguni road to Katanahalli ST colony at Irakasandra Grama Panchayath Gubbi Taluk Tumkur District	Construction of CC Road and Box Drain in Katanahalli & Jalaguni ST Colony of Irakasandra Gramapanchayath & Improments of road from Galikekere village ST Colony to Tank road of Shivapura Grama panchayath Hagalavadi Hobli & improments of road from Yakkala katte ST Colony to Ganeshpura in Gubbi Taluk	Construction of Road from Pandithanahalli village road to Mandaragiri Jain hill temple in Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur Dist
1	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	**89.16**	**88.85**	**435.48**
2	ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು	VJNL **Category – III** & above/KNNL **Category – III** & above/KPWD Class 1	VJNL **Category – III** & above / KNNL **Category – III** & above/ KPWD Class 1	VJNL **Category – III** & above / KNNL **Category – III** & above/ KPWD Class 1
3	ಖಾಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕಡೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	**08.03.2021** ರಿಂದ **15.03.2021** ರಂದು ಘಂಟೆ 17:00ರವರೆಗೆ	**08.03.2021** ರಿಂದ **15.03.2021** ರಂದು ಘಂಟೆ 17:00ರವರೆಗೆ	**08.03.2021** ರಿಂದ **15.03.2021** ರಂದು ಘಂಟೆ 17:00ರವರೆಗೆ
4	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕಡೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	**12.03.2021** ರಂದು ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 3.00 ಘಂಟೆ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು.	**12.03.2021** ರಂದು ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 3.00 ಘಂಟೆ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು.	**12.03.2021** ರಂದು ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 3.00 ಘಂಟೆ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು.
5	ಪೂರ್ವಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	-	-	**12.03.2021** ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30ಕ್ಕೆ
6	ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಅನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕಡೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	**15.03.2021** ರಂದು ಘಂಟೆ 17:30ರವರೆಗೆ	**15.03.2021** ರಂದು ಘಂಟೆ 17:30ರವರೆಗೆ	**15.03.2021** ರಂದು ಘಂಟೆ 17:30ರವರೆಗೆ
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Dhaka	25	13	SNY	Moscow	-16	-23	LC
Dubai	26	17	SNY	New York	3	-1	LC
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London	6	1	LC	Washington	8	-3	LC

Amid Oppn boycott, Imran comfortably wins trust vote

Ruling coalition bags 178 votes in 342-member house, days after humiliating defeat in Senate polls; Opposition dares PM to seek fresh mandate

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN Prime Minister Imran Khan handily won a vote of confidence from the National Assembly on Saturday, days after the embarrassing defeat of his ruling party's key candidate in Senate elections.

Khan secured the votes of 178 members of the lower house of Parliament, which is comprised of 342 lawmakers. The 11-party opposition alliance — the Pakistan Democratic Movement —boycotted the assembly's special session.

Khan needed 172 votes to secure a simple majority and dispel any suggestion he had lost the support of the majority of lawmakers in the National Assembly.

In the National Assembly, Pakistan's lower house, the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Party has the support of 180 members, including 157 members from Khan's party and 20 members from allied parties and two independents.

The need for the confidence vote arose after former Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani in Senate elections Wednesday defeated Hafeez Sheikh, the finance minister in Khan's Cabinet.

Pakistan's leading Opposition leaders on Saturday demanded Prime Minister Imran Khan's resignation and fresh elections The floor test took place without the Opposition as the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) an alliance of 11 parties boycotted the voting. The first to respond was chief of the PDM Maulana Fazlur Rehman, who told the media in Sukkur, Sindh that the vote of confidence has no meaning.

"This was not a confidence vote. We know which agencies watched the members of the assembly the entire night. [We know] who knocked on the doors of each member to ensure they were present," he said.

His reference was towards reports stating that the government kept its members inside lodges in Islamabad under strict watch so that all of them are present in Parliament during the floor test.

Rehman alleged that the lawmakers were forced to vote for Prime Minister Khan. He challenged the prime minister to "be courageous and ask the public to cast a vote of confidence [by] conducting a new election". On Saturday, Imran also came under attack for meeting the chiefs of Pakistan Army and the powerful spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) after his party suffered a humiliating defeat in a closely-contested Senate election, saying 'institutions' should restrict themselves to the constitutional and lawful role.

Army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa on Thursday met Prime Minister Khan as part of the interactions between the civilian and military leadership on national issues. *AFP*

Supporters of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan celebrate in Islamabad | AFP

PTI:	Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf
MQM-P:	Muttahida Qaumi Movement–Pakistan
BAP:	Balochistan Awami Party
PML-Q:	Pakistan Muslim League-Q
GDA:	Grand Democratic Alliance
AML:	Awami Muslim League Pakistan
JWP:	Jamhoori Wattan Party

Protesters engulfed by tear gas fired by police during a demonstration against the military coup in Yangon on Saturday | AFP

More repression in Myanmar as UN dithers on action

YANGON

SECURITY forces in Myanmar again used force on Saturday to disperse anti-coup protesters, a day after a UN special envoy urged the Security Council to take action to quell junta violence that this past week left more than 50 peaceful demonstrators dead and scores injured.

Protests were reported on Saturday morning in the country's biggest city, Yangon, where stun grenades and tear gas were used against demonstrators. On Wednesday, 18 people were reported killed there.

Protests also took place in several other cities, including Mandalay, the second-biggest city, Myitkyina, the capital of the northern state of Kachin, Myeik in the far south, where police fired tear gas at students, and Dawei in the southeast, where tear gas was also used.

Officials are believed to have exhumed the body of a young woman who was killed during Wednesday's suppression of protests in Mandalay.

Security forces sealed off the cemetery where Kyal Sin was buried. Media close to the military had earlier reported that the authorities had questioned the conclusion that she had been shot dead by police, and intended to investigate.

Meanwhile, the UN Security Council, which held a closed-door meeting on Myanmar on Friday, took no immediate action. Council diplomats said Britain circulated a draft presidential statement for consideration, a step below a legally binding resolution.

Any kind of coordinated action at the UN will be difficult because two permanent members of the Security Council, China and Russia, are likely to veto it. Earlier in the week, UN special envoy for Myanmar Christine Schraner Burgener warned Myanmar's army that the world's nations and the Security Council "might take huge, strong measures." She said, the junta responded saying, "We are used to sanctions, and we survived those sanctions in the past." When she warned that Myanmar would become isolated, the response was, "We have to learn to walk with only a few friends." *Agencies*

$1.9 trillion Covid-19 relief package clears US Senate

WASHINGTON

THE US Senate on Saturday voted to approve a $1.9 trillion relief package that President Joe Biden vows will revive the country's pandemic-stricken economy, capping hours of debate, frenzied negotiations and a marathon overnight voting session.

Passed by 50 votes to 49 in a party line vote, the sweeping legislation now heads back to the Democratic-majority House of Representatives, where it is expected to be adopted barring a last-minute setback.

Even without the progressive priority of a minimum wage increase to $15 an hour, the stimulus bill marks a victory for Biden's Democrats as they put their stamp on the recovery from a pandemic that has killed over 5,00,000 in the United States and hobbled its economy.

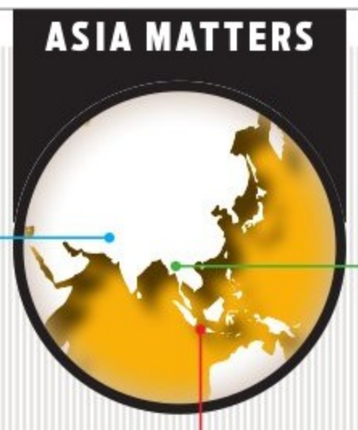
"It's been a long day, a long night, a long year, but a new day has come and we tell the American people help is on the way," said top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer ahead of the vote.

"This bill will deliver more help to more people than anything the federal government has done in decades."

The legislation would send out $1,400 stimulus checks to most Americans and allocates $350 billion to state and local governments and $130 billion to schools.

It would also provide $49 billion for expanded Covid testing, tracing and research, and $14 billion for vaccine distribution. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS



PAKISTAN

Roadside bomb kills five in Balochistan

Five construction workers were killed and five others received serious injuries when the pick-up truck they were travelling in hit a roadside bomb in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province. No party has claimed responsibility for the blast, which took place on Friday evening, officials said. The location of the blast was 30 km from Sibi Town in Tandori Area. Deputy Commissioner of Sibi Syed Zahid Shah said five labourers had been killed in the blast, while five others, including two security personnel were injured. Shah said the security personnel were travelling with the labourers as in the recent past militants from Sibi and Tandori have attacked labourers from other provinces. The deputy commissioner said the bomb may have been detonated using a remote control device.

INDONESIA

5.8-magnitude quake hits West Sumatra

A 5.8-magnitude quake jolted Indonesia's West Sumatra province late on Friday night, the meteorology and geophysics agency said. The quake struck at 2.32 pm with the epicentre at 54 km northwest Mentawai islands, reports Xinhua news agency. The intensity of the quake was felt at III to IV MMI (Modified Mercalli Intensity) in the provincial capital of Padang, Painan town and Pariaman district, II to III MMI in Agam district, Bukit Tinggi city and Padang Panjang city. The quake did not trigger a potential tsunami.

THAILAND

Hundreds protest royal defamation laws

Hundreds marched in Bangkok and lit ceremonial fires in front of a courthouse on Saturday to protest Thailand's royal defamation law and the jailing of several prominent pro-democracy activists. The protesters are part of a youth-led movement that kicked off last July calling for an overhaul to Premier Prayut Chan-O-Cha's government and a scrapping of the country's military-scripted constitution. They are also demanding the abolition of a lese majeste law which shields the kingdom's ultra-powerful King Maha Vajiralongkorn and the royal family from defamation, and carries penalties of up to 15 years per charge. The law has been interpreted to cover anything seen as negative towards the royals, effectively muzzling critics —which is why calls for reforms have sent a lightning bolt through Thai society.

Chinese hackers targeted 30K US firms: Expert

WASHINGTON

AT least 30,000 US organisations including local governments have been hacked in recent days by an "unusually aggressive" Chinese cyber-espionage campaign, according to a security specialist.

The campaign has exploited recently discovered flaws in Microsoft Exchange software, stealing email and infecting computer servers with tools that let attackers take control remotely. "This is an active threat," White House spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki said when asked about the situation during a press briefing.

"Everyone running these servers needs to act now to patch them. We are concerned that there are a large number of victims," she added.

After Microsoft released patches for the vulnerabilities on Tuesday, attacks "dramatically stepped up" on servers not yet updated with security fixes, said Krebs, who cited unnamed sources familiar with the situation. "At least 30,000 organizations across the United States—including a significant number of small businesses, towns, cities and local governments—have over the past few days been hacked by an unusually aggressive Chinese cyber espionage unit that's focused on stealing email from victim organizations," Krebs wrote in the post.

He reported that insiders said hackers have "seized control" of thousands of computer systems around the world using password-protected software tools slipped into systems.

Microsoft said early this week that a state-sponsored hacking group operating out of China is exploiting previously unknown security flaws in its Exchange email services to steal data from business users.

The company said the hacking group, which it has named "Hafnium," is a "highly skilled and sophisticated actor." Hafnium has in the past targeted US-based companies including infectious disease researchers, law firms, universities, defense contractors, think tanks, and NGOs.

In a blog post on Tuesday, Microsoft executive Tom Burt said the company had released updates to fix the security flaws, which apply to on-premises versions of the software rather than cloud-based versions, and urged customers to apply them.

"We know that many nation-state actors and criminal groups will move quickly to take advantage of any unpatched systems," he added at the time. Microsoft said the group was based in China but operated through leased virtual private servers in the United States, and that it had briefed the US government. *AFP*

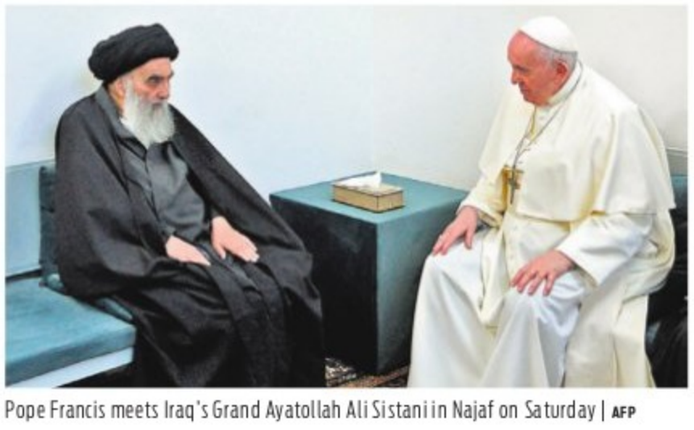
Pope Francis, Iraq's Grand Ayatollah call for peace in historic meeting

NAJAF

GRAND Ayatollah Ali Sistani, spiritual leader of most of the world's Shiite Muslims, told Pope Francis in a historic meeting in Iraq on Saturday that the country's Christians should live in "peace."

The meeting, on the second day of the first-ever papal visit to Iraq, marked a landmark moment in modern religious history and a milestone in Francis's efforts to deepen dialogue with other religions.

He later addressed the rich spectrum of Iraq's religious communities at Ur, traditional birthplace of the Prophet Abraham, a central figure in the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths, where he made an impassioned plea for "unity" after conflict.



Pope Francis meets Iraq's Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani in Najaf on Saturday | AFP

The 84-year-old pontiff's trip to Iraq is an effort to both comfort the country's ancient but dwindling Christian community and deepen his dialogue with other faiths.

His meeting with the grand Ayatollah lasted 50 minutes, with Sistani's office putting out a statement shortly afterwards thanking Francis for visiting the holy city of Najaf.

Sistani, 90, "affirmed his concern that Christian citizens should live like all Iraqis in peace and security, and with their full constitutional rights," it said.

During his address, Pope Francis said freedom of conscience and of religion were "fundamental rights" that should be respected everywhere.

"We believers cannot be silent when terrorism abuses religion," Francis said, in a message of solidarity with the minorities persecuted under IS rule. He also made an impassioned plea for "unity" after conflict. "Let us ask for this in praying for the whole Middle East," he said.

Following the prayer service in Ur, Pope Francis is to head back to Baghdad to preside over a mass at the St. Joseph Cathedral. *Agencies*

GOOD OPTICS

The historic meeting at al-Sistani's humble home was months in the making, with every detail painstakingly discussed and negotiated between the Ayatollah's office and the Vatican

INTERFAITH MILESTONE

Pope Francis landed at the Najaf airport, where posters had been set up featuring a famous saying by Ali—the fourth caliph and the Prophet Mohammed's relative, who is buried in the holy city. "People are of two kinds, either your brothers in faith or your equals in humanity," read the banners

Al-Sistani, who normally remains seated for visitors, reportedly stood up to greet Francis at the door of his room — a rare honour. Al-Sistani and Francis sat close to one another, without masks

Upon landing, a convoy of cars carried him into the Old City, which was under extremely tight security. The car carrying the Pope (a bullet-proof Mercedez Benz) pulled up along Najaf's narrow and column-lined Rasool Street, which culminates at the golden-domed Imam Ali Shrine, one of the most revered sites in Shiite Islam. The pontiff then walked the few meters to al-Sistani's modest home, which the cleric has rented for decades

No press were allowed inside the meeting as the 90-year-old grand ayatollah is highly reclusive and almost never seen in public

The imam, who rarely appears in public — even on television — wore black robes and a black turban, in simple contrast to Francis' all-white cassock

Al-Sistani belongs to a school of thought that doesn't subscribe to Iranian-style rule by clerics, and he is seen by many as a counterbalance to Tehran's influence in Iraq

COVID-19

Biden urged to act against plan to waive vax patents

WASHINGTON

FOUR top Republicans Senator on Friday urged US President Joe Biden not to accept a proposal by India and South Africa to the World Trade Organization to waive anti-Covid vaccine patents to boost its supply.

"India, South Africa and other countries are presenting a proposal at the WTO to waive all intellectual property rights for any innovation related to Covid-19," he group of four Republican Senators wrote in a letter to Biden. "The proponents of this scheme argue that if we just destroy the intellectual property developed by American companies, we will suddenly have more manufacturers producing Covid-19 vaccines," they said.

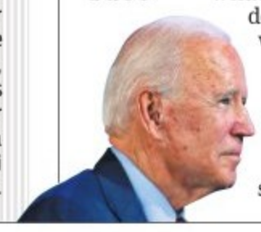
In the letter, Senators Mike Lee, Tom Cotton, Joni Ernst and Todd Young urged Biden to reject the upcoming proposal at the WTO.

"But the opposite is true. By destroying the intellectual property of every American company that has worked on Covid-19 vaccines and treatments, we would be ending the progress that led to the fastest development of life-saving vaccines in history," the Senators wrote.

They alleged that some countries believe that they would benefit from seizing US's intellectual property.

"Waiving all rights to intellectual property would end the innovation pipeline and stop the development of new vaccines or boosters to address variants in the virus," they said.

"Even if the waiver may temporarily result in a few copycats attempting to produce what US firms developed, it would introduce major quality problems," the Senators said. *PTI*



$584.55 bn was India's forex reserve as of February 26, according to RBI data—an increase of $689 million over the previous week

No immediate plans to bring fuel under GST ambit

Many states unlikely to agree due to the impact on VAT revenues

ANURADHA SHUKLA @New Delhi

THE finance Ministry is not planning to bring petrol and diesel under the ambit of GST in the near future, even though some states and economists have asked for the move to give some relief to consumers.

"There is no such proposal or even formal discussion to bring petrol and diesel under GST, at least in the immediate future. There is a huge revenue implication attached to it and, even when all the states agree to it, it will take several meetings and deliberations to do so," a senior finance ministry official told this publication. The official was clarifying on a statement by West Bengal finance minister Amit Mitra, who had said that many states are open to bringing petrol and diesel under GST, and that it was the Centre that has to do it.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that the decision to bring the fuels under GST will have to be taken by the GST Council. "Whenever the GST Council decides to take up this issue, they are well within their interest to take it up and discuss. It's a call which the Council has to take," she had said on Friday.

However, the official added that more than the Centre, many states are not likely agree to the move since the VAT levied on the fuel is a major source of state government revenue. According to a recent SBI Ecosurvey report, petrol prices can go down to ₹75 a litre and diesel to under ₹68 per litre across India if fuel is brought under the ambit of GST. The report blamed the problem on a lack of political will.

"Centre and states are loathe to bring crude oil products under the GST regime as sales tax/VAT (value added tax) on petroleum products is a major source of own tax revenue for them. Thus, there is lack of political will to bring crude under the ambit of GST," the SBI report authored by Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser, SBI, said.

Petrol prices are currently hovering between ₹90-100 per litre across the country. While the basic price of petrol is ₹31.82 per litre in Delhi, there is also a central excise of ₹32.90 per litre and a value-added tax of ₹20.61 taking the total tax portion to ₹53.51 per litre. Similarly, the basic rate of diesel in Delhi is ₹33.46 per litre, but total tax charged on it adds another ₹43.48 per litre, with excise of ₹31.80 and value-added tax of ₹11.68 per litre.

INDIANS AMONG MOST TAXED FUEL CONSUMERS

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Restrictions on banks' ownership in insurance cos warrants a re-think

SESA SEN @New Delhi

BANKS may have to cut their stakes in insurance companies if the RBI decides to go ahead with the proposed limiting of banks' ownership stakes in non-core businesses.

In fact, the proposed rule will have a far-reaching impact on lenders such as SBI, HDFC, ICICI, and Kotak Mahindra Bank, that own large stakes in their insurance arms, deriving lump sum income from their insurance subsidiaries. While an official communication is awaited, experts point out that the proposal may warrant a rethink given the symbiotic relationship between banks and bank-promoted insurance companies.

> We expect RBI to consider the positives of bank ownership in insurance companies before making a final decision on imposing ownership restrictions
>
> Kotak Institutional Equities

Insurance stake sales have supported banks in challenging times and provided buffers against NPAs. HDFC and ICICI Bank, for instance, have recognized large gains from stake sales in their life and general insurance businesses and these gains have been utilized to create provisioning buffers. During FY16-18, HDFC used over 40 per cent of such gains to create provisions, and they contributed 30-40 per cent of the annual provisions for ICICI Bank. Secondly, fee income from distribution of life insurance products for banks is nearly 2-3 per cent of revenues and 5-15 per cent of profit before tax.

Thirdly, bancassurance has emerged as a strong channel for distribution of insurance products. "The banking franchise is large and insurance savings products are a natural fit in its wealth management offering. While bancassurance models can be successfully run even without ownership, historic experience suggests that insurance companies with bank ownerships have been more successful than others," the analysts added. The share of bancassurance for private players has increased to 53 per cent in FY20 from 21 per cent in FY09. Policyholders also tend to prefer insurers with strong promoters; as such, insurance companies promoted by large banks command higher trust.

The current regulation permits banks to hold up to 50 per cent in insurers and, on a selective basis, equity holdings can be higher but must eventually be brought down. While the proposal stems from the fact that the RBI is concerned that insurance is a capital-guzzling sector, experts note that apart from minimum capital requirements for the banking business, prior regulatory approval for insurance investments can keep capital flow to subsidiaries in check and not jeopardise depositors' interests. Insurers usually need the most capital during the initial years when they can experience stress due to low operating leverage and higher reserving requirements. As reserves release over the years, however, the business can be self-supportive on the capital front.

A cursory look at the data shows banks have made negligible investments in insurance subsidiaries over the past five years. SBI has infused just ₹167 crore in SBI General between FY16 and FY20. Similarly, Kotak Mahindra has infused ₹304 crore in Kotak General.

Reliance HF defaults on loan payment to PSB

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

RELIANCE Home Finance Ltd (RHFL) on Saturday said that it has defaulted on a loan of over ₹40 crore from Punjab & Sind Bank even though it has enough cash and cash equivalents that, nevertheless, cannot be used due to a court order.

The Anil Ambani company defaulted on the loan from PSB on February 15, 2021, and the current default is for ₹40 crore and an interest of ₹15 lakh. RHFL's total obligation on the 5-year tenure secured term loan at 9.25 per cent per annum is ₹200 crore.

RHFL said that while it has net cash of more than ₹1,500 crore, "the delay in debt servicing is due to prohibition on the company to dispose of, alienate, encumber..., or otherwise part with possession of any assets, pursuant to the November 20, 2019 order passed by the Delhi High Court".

NEWSCOPE

EXPANDING DIGITAL CONTROLS NARROW SPACE FOR NEWS, OTTS

GURBIR SINGH

THE digital space in India has so far been open to free exchange. Since it is a relatively new platform, and still evolving, policing by the state has been low key. The result of this freedom and relatively low entry costs has been the spawning of millions of creative start-ups. News and entertainment have been redefined as never before.

However, all this is set to change. The government has been clearly uncomfortable with this unregulated area that continues to challenge its writ. To plug the anomaly, a slew of measures in recent weeks threatens to shut down this slice of freedom.

We saw a demonstration of the new reality when Manipuri journalist Paobel Chaoba, was hauled up under the recently notified Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. The 'crime': an online discussion on the subject: "Media Under Siege: Are Journalists Walking a Tight Rope?". Thankfully, the Imphal District Magistrate's notice was later withdrawn after the government clarified that such an order could only be issued by the Union Information and Broadcasting (I&B) ministry.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

Permission for webinars?

One of the positive spin-offs of the pandemic has been the growth of online webinars replacing physical seminars and meetings. But the government is not happy.

In fresh guidelines issued on 15 January, the Centre said that all publicly-funded universities, professors, and administrators will need prior approval from the Ministry of External Affairs if they want to hold online international conferences or seminars on matters relating to the security of the Indian state, or "sensitive subjects" which are "clearly related to India's internal matters".

What are 'sensitive matters' is vaguely defined and what are 'India's internal matters' is left to government interpretation. Expectedly, there was a huge backlash from professional groups. Two of the most respected science academies, the Indian Academy of Sciences and the Indian National Academy of Sciences, said the order could "lead to a complete halt of all topical scientific discussions".

Worried at the flak it has drawn, the Union government has said it will "soon modify" these guidelines. We are still waiting. Then came the intermediary guidelines on February 25 for news portals and over-the-top (OTT) platforms. The new rules require these organisations set up an elaborate, three-tier grievance machinery which will be expensive and suffocating. At the first tier will be a grievance officer appointed by the new portal, the second tier will be an 'expert committee' constituted by an apex body of news publishers headed by a retired judge or an eminent person, and finally, there will be a government-controlled third tier, where a committee of bureaucrats will hear and decide complaints.

News portals, OTT under fire

Portals carrying news content are also required to ensure that the published material is in 'good taste'!

Now, who decides what is 'good taste'? The new rules have also given the I&B ministry emergency powers to block publication of 'offensive' and 'sensitive' material. These are all pointers to censorship, one that even mainstream news media—both print and broadcast—are not subject to.

Besides news portals, there are over 40 OTT platforms that have become an alternative source of entertainment—movies, serials, reality shows, et al. A delegation of these OTT networks like Netflix, PrimeVideo, and MX Player, under the banner of the Internet & Mobile Association of India (IMAI), met I&B minister Prakash Javdekar voicing their concern that the new guidelines will leave producers open to criminal proceedings.

They cited the case of *Tandav*, a series produced by Prime Video, where Amazon executives are currently facing FIRs and arrest on charges of having 'insulted' Hindu deities! These rules must be challenged on the principle that they are violative of Section 79 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, which protects 'intermediaries' from prosecution for hosting third party content. As it is, the Supreme Court in the *Tandav* case has held these are 'guidelines' without legislative teeth. But what's the bet, a revised set of rules will be back with 'teeth'! Nobody disputes the need to regulate and block pornographic or divisive content; but these new rules may interfere with legitimate creative freedom, and business activity too.

The government has proven over the years that it is not tolerant of contrarian views. One can see the same 'control and subdue' streak running through these newly introduced digital regulations.

This hypothesis is bolstered by the fact that a Group of Ministers (GoM) formulated a strategy to 'manage' news media around June last year.

The report, whose authors are believed to include Union ministers Ravi Shankar Prasad, Prakash Javadekar, and Smriti Irani, said: "We should have a strategy to neutralise the people who are writing against the government without facts and set false narratives/spread fake news." Some media consultants to the GoM even suggested colour-coding news persons on how they were disposed towards government: "Green - fence sitters; Black - against; and White - who support." If these are some of the objectives of the broader digital regulations, it should have us very worried.

NOT CHILD'S PLAY

India imports Chinese toys worth $600 mn every year

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INDIA currently imports toys worth over $600 million from China, with injection-moulded plastic and electronics constituting the majority of imports. The Indian government, however, is now pushing strongly to reduce dependence on the northern neighbour, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi urging Indian toy makers last month to up their game.

Aravind Melligeri, Chairman and CEO of Aequs—which is setting up a 400-acre toy cluster with an estimated investment of ₹1,500 crore in Koppal, Karnataka—told this publication that the central government needs to include the toy industry under the Production Linked Incentive scheme to help more global brands partner with local manufacturers.

Melligeri said that toy manufacturers in the country will need to shift to newer models to remain relevant in an evolving market, and hence, need government hand-holding—especially in terms of incentives. The inclusion of the toy industry under PLI, according to Melligeri, will also provide a further boost to jobs creation.

Currently, half of India's domestic toy demand is being met with imports, especially from China. "China is a world leader in toy exports. We have got $1.7 billion worth of sales and we bring about $600 million on the import front, which translates into $1.2 billion worth of selling value. But only about $500 million, potentially, are manufactured in the country and sold in the country," Melligeri added. The export target for the next few years, according to him, should be set at over $1 billion, tapping 7-8 per cent of the global market opportunity—a sharp increase from the current $130 million.

Market leaders have also cautioned that the low price point of Chinese toys makes them highly attractive to customers. "There is no supply in India. The price point is so low for toys from China because, potentially, they had depreciated assets and there are government incentives for exports. So, the combination of these factors make them very inexpensive. It was very difficult for suppliers in India to domestically compete... But stopping it does not mean we have already created capacity in the country. It will take some time to get there," Melligeri added.

EXPRESS READ

Muthoot Finance chairman MG George passes away at 71

New Delhi: M G George Muthoot, largely credited for making the Muthoot Finance a pan-India and the largest gold loan NBFC, passed away on Friday evening. As a chairman of the company, he played a pivotal role in taking Muthoot Finance to new heights, expanding its reach across the country and even overseas especially to the Middle East. The 71-year-old Muthoot was for long based in the National Capital even though his diversified group that runs over 20 businesses from gold loans to securities, realty estate to infrastructure, hospitals to hospitality and education, is headquartered in Kochi making it one of the largest business houses in the state.

Business & Beyond

ACI ASQ award bagged by Kolkata Airport

The COVID-19 pandemic had a dramatic impact on global passenger traffic as well as on customer expectations of the airport experience. To appreciate the efforts of airports in catering to these changing trends, the Airports Council International has instituted the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards 2020 based on customers surveys. Kolkata Airport has been chosen as among the airports that had the 'Best Hygiene Measures' in the Asia Pacific region.

NBCC, ALIMCO sign MoU for CSR project

NBCC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ALIMCO on February 26, 2021, to contribute `100.62 lakh for the fitment of Cochlear Implants in children from Aspirational Districts with hearing impairments under the NBCC CSR initiative. P K Gupta, CMD, NBCC, N K Shah, Director (Projects), B K Sokhey, Director (Finance), and Ajay Chaudhary, DGM (ALIMCO) along with other senior officials were present during the occasion.

Electrification in full-swing at Tatanagar-Badampahar

Electrification of the Tatanagar-Badampahar Section in Chakradharpur Division of South Eastern Railway is going on in full swing, SER said. The 89 km project was sanctioned in fiscal year 2018-19 at an estimated cost of `105 crore. The Union Budget 2021-22 has alloted `28.5 crore for the project.

Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd observes 50th National Safety Week

On the occasion of the 50th National Safety Day, an inaugural function was celebrated on March 4, 2021, at Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd., Sambalpur by a large number of senior executives, employees, and contractors. The programme started with the national flag being unfurled by P Sasindran, unit head, K B Singh, Admin head, Niranjan Mahapatra, Factory Manager, along with other senior leaders. Senior officials also took a safety pledge.

Amalgamation ceremony of Allahabad Bank and Indian Bank branches held

The amalgamation ceremony of Allahabad Bank, Ashok Nagar Branch with Indian Bank, Bhubaneswar Branch was held at the premises of Indian Bank Bhubaneswar Branch in the presence of B Suribabu, Field General Manager Bhubaneswar and Sandeep Kumar Ghoshal, Zonal Manager, Bhubaneswar. Customers of both the branches were present at the inauguration ceremony.

Paradip Port observes National Safety Week with celebrations

The National Safety Week, with the theme 'Learn from Disaster and Prepare for a Safer Future', was observed at the Paradip Port Trust last week. A K Bose, Deputy Chairman, PPT, inaugurated the Safety Week initiative with a Safety Rath and a Safety Rally being the major highlights of the week long celebrations.

Melting Pot Podcast releases special series

After a successful two seasons since May 2020, Melting Pot Podcast has released the first episode of a special series featuring 10 leading Indian entrepreneurs. The episodes feature Indian entrepreneurs who started their ventures at a very young age and today stand as an inspiration for people from all over the world. Based in Singapore, Melting Pot Collection presents stories of diverse and passionate individuals.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, BTM Layout Division,
BBMP Commercial Complex, 2nd Floor,
Lashkar Hosur Road, Adugodi, Bengaluru-30

No.: E.E/(BTM)/Je/e-proc/20/2020-21 Date: 06.03.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders for the following works on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or any Reputed Agencies, equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organisations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)
	(Two Cover System) - 1st Call	
1	Construction of Multi Purpose Building in 8th Cross Near Maramma Temple and Improvements to Surrounding cross roads in **Ward No. 173,** Jakkasandra.	185.00

Calendar of Events: (1) The Tender document can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** Last date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is: **07.04.2021** upto **4:00 p.m. (3)** Date of Opening of the tender document is on: **08.04.2021** at **4:30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, BTM Layout Division, BBMP

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

IFT NO: 60/ 2020-21 Date :06-03-2021

The Executive Engineer, Public Works, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders for **Karnataka PWD Class-1 registered contractors** as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-4 (two cover system) for **the work of Construction of Airport Terminal Building, Allied buildings / facilities and associated works to proposed Airport @ Sogane village limit in Shivamogga Taluk & District. (Package 2) Amount put to Tender is Rs. 9877.14 lakhs and EMD is Rs. 98.77 lakhs. Time allowed for completion of work is 14 months including Monsoon.** The tenderers may submit tenders through E-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (**http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).** The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Section -2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal from **06-03-2021 to 22-03-2021** Last date for Receipt of Tender is on **22-03-2021.** The Technical bid will be opned on **23-03-2021.** and Financial bid will be opened after **24-03-2021** More information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, PW Department,Special Division, Shimoga.

DIPR/SMG/No.43-03 zenkar/2020-21

Union Bank of India

Asset Recovery Branch
No.1/1, Ground Floor, Jeevan Sampige,2nd Main, Sampige Road, Malleswarm, Bengaluru-560003

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule -8 (1)] (For Immovable Property)

Ref: ARB/309/20-21 Date: 04.03.2021

Whereas: The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **16.10.2020,** calling upon the Borrower **M/s Palaka Granite Quarry,** represented by its Proprietor **Mr. Praveen K,** and **Smt. H S Indira** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,46,25,695.00 (Rupees One Crore Forty Six Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Five only)** and interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **04th day of March, 2021 .**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, (E-Corp Bank) Dr.Shivaramkaranth Nagar Branch** for an amount of **Rs.1,46,25,695.00 (Rupees One Crore Forty Six Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Five only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is also invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Secured Assets

All that piece and Parcel of the Property bearing No.20, BBMP Khata No.745/647/575/20 Carved Out in Sy. No.182/1 and 182/2 presently comes under BBMP Limits measuring East to West 30 Ft and North to South 54 Ft totally measuring 1620 Sq. Ft situated at Ward No.9, Kodigehalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Together with building built thereon consisting of Ground, First, Second, Terrace Floors with super built up areas about 3058 Sq.ft owned by Mr.Praveen K and bounded on the: East by: Site No.19, **West by:** Site No.21, **North by:**Private Property, **South by:** Road.

Date:04.03.2021 **Authorised officer**
Place :Bangaluru **UNION BANK OF INDIA**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify general public that my client **Sri SRINIVASA. N.N** S/o Sri N.V. Narasimhe Gowda, R/at No.2287, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, S.P. Naidu Layout, Vijinapura, Dooravaninagar Post, Bengaluru-560 016, has lost the **Original Gift Deed dated 14-11-2017** pertaining to immovable House property bearing Site No.25, Assessment No.48/1 formed by The Malleshwaram Tailoring Co-operative Society Ltd., situated at 1st Main Road, Kempegowdanagara, Dasarahaili Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobali, Bangalore North Taluk, - now comes under BBMP limits, Ward No.15, Bengaluru, the same having been registered as Document **No. PNY-1-05994-2017-18,** Book No.1, stored in CD NO.PNYD674 at pages 1 to 7 on 14-11-2017 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar (Peenya), Bengaluru and last article report bearing serial No.986332 has been filed in Crime Branch Bengaluru city Police vide lost report No.065251/2021 dated 05/03/2021 if anybody to found the said Gift Deed please hand over to my client above said address or founder inform to Mob:9845142900, please if anybody enters to make any illegal acts on the said document that my client is not responsible for the same, Hence, this public notice.

B. KUMARA, Advocate
L.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
#42, Ground Floor, (Near Chandus Deluxe Hotel), 8th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560003. Mob: 9880228176

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby infomed that, my client **Kokson Simpson,** S/o late Koil Pillai Simpson, is negotiating the terms of purchase with Alexander Christudoss Paul, S/o Christudoss Paul, in respect of the schedule property.

Person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, title or interest in the schedule property stated below may lodge their objection in writing with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence for such claim within 10 days from this date. Person/s having filed any case/s in respect of the schedule property are also informed to lodge their objections with documentary proof within **10 days** from the date of this publication. Any objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claims/objections

SCHEDULE

Al that piece and parcel of residential building bearing No.25, **BBMP PID No. 86-4-25,** situated at **2nd Cross Road, Hutchins Road Extension, Bangalore,** presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No.59, Maruthi Seva Nagar, Measuring East to West on Northern side 40 feet, on the southern side 40 feet and North to South Eastern side 24 feet, on the western side 24 feet, in all measuring 960 Square feet bounded on: **East by :** Premises No.26, **West by :** Premises No.24, **North by :** Private Property, **South by :** 2nd Cross Road, Hutchins Road Extension

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **SAHIRA PARVEEN ARIF ALI,** Aged about 57 years, W/o.Mr.Arif Ali Terkeri Samad, Residing at Flat # B-703, **"Rajatha Greens Apartment"** "B" Block, # 5/1, Nagawara Main Road, Arabic College Post, Nagawara, Bangalore-560 045, is the sole and Absolute owner of all that Residential Property Bearing No.4/1, situated at **6th Cross South, Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam Main Road, Rashad Nagar, New BBMP Ward No.23, Nagawara, Bangalore,** and she had acquired the same by way of a Registered Deed of Sale vide dated:24-06-2014 which is Registered as Document No.01305 of 2014-15 of Book-I, Stored in CD No.KCHD-175, by the Sub-Registrar, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore, and in turn her predecessor vendor Mr.Syed Ali, acquired the said property vide a Registered Deed of Sale vide dated:24-12-2012 which is Registered as Document No.04973 of 2012-13 of Book-I, stored in CD No.KCHD-119, by the Sub-Registrar, Kacharanahalli, Bangalore.

That the aforesaid Registered Sale Deeds have been drenched in water due to heavy rains at the residence of my client and the said documents have been erased as such the prospective buyers may kindly note the same and my client has also obtained the certified copies of the said documents.

This is for information of all concerned.

ABDUL LATEEF KHAN
Advocate, M.A.,LL.B.,
No.16, 12th Cross, B.S.A. Road, 1st Stage, Pillanna Garden, B'lore-84. M-9845110533
Place : Bangalore Date : 06-03-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client i.e., **Mr. MH HIDAYATHULLA,** intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder possessed by **Mr. T.B. KALRO @ THAKURDAS BHAGWANDAS KALRO** S/o. Bhagwandas Kalro, R/a No.11/10, Nandidurg Road, 3rd Cross, Bangalore - 560046, and the notice is hereby given to general public in all concerned calling for objections or if any against such purchase of the Schedule Property, if anybody have any right, title, interest or claims whatsoever over the same or any part thereof, they are hereby requested to lodge their written objections/claims together with supporting documentary proof to the undersigned within 10 days of publication of this notice, failing which my client shall complete sale transactions and no subsequent claims by anybody shall be entertained and all such objections and claims will be deemed to be void and not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the immovable house property bearing Plot No.12, New PID No. 92-1-11/10, City Corporation No.11/10, measuring 54 x 80 totally measuring 4320 square feet., forming part and parcel of Municipal Corporation No. 19, (out of which Municipal No.11/10 is formed), situated in Nandidurga Extension, BBMP Jayamahal Ward No. 92, Bangalore 560046, along with a house consisting of basement, ground, first and second floor and bounded on the:

East by : Private Property; West by : 30 feet road; North by : Dr. Krishna Murthy's Site bearing Corporation No.11/6; South by : Property belonging to Maharani of Dharmapur.

MR. PRADEEP S
(Advocate & Legal Consultant)
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E-Mail: pradeepcounsel@gmail.com
Dated: 05.03.2021

KARNATAKA EXHIBITION AUTHORITY

Office of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Exhibition Authority, Doddakere Maidana, Mysore
Tel No: 0821-2446887, 2440828 (Fax)
No/KEA/CEO/Civil/S.E.-2021/2020-21/1035 Date: 05.03.2021

Short Term Tender Notification Through "e" Procurement Only: (Double Cover System)

Short Term Tender Notification through e-procurement portal has been invited by Karnataka Exhibition Authority for conducting Summer Exhibition – 2021 from 09.04.2021 to 23.05.2021 45 days for Collection of Entry fee, maintenance allotment, rent collection and maintenance of commercial and food stalls, Amusement items maintenance & collection of fees, Skytrack Monorails, Boating management and collection of fees and Vehicle parking maintenance and fee collection etc., for more details log on to http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Tender Inviting Authority and Assistance Executive Engineer (Civil)

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SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
No: 51/2020-21 Dt: 26.02.2021

Tender is invited through e-Procurement for the works in the limits of the Mulbagal Taluk Public Works Department Kolar Division from the Registered Contractors under **H/A: 5054-SDP** Amount put to tender: **Rs.76.66 lakhs.** EMD Amount: Exempted as per Govt. order (EMD Declaration format should be uploaded compulsorily). Period for completion of work: **03 Months.** Contractors may download the tender documents KW-3 from Karnataka State e-Procurement portal (**viz.,http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** Filled in tenders shall be uploaded on or before **4.00 p.m. on 17.03.2021** through Karnataka State e-Procurement portal. Tender received will be opened after **4.30 p.m. on 18.03.2021** in e-Procurement. Further details regarding the works and also for details about this tender notification please contact e-Procurement portal and also you may contact this office during working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Kolar.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (For Immovable Property)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the authorised officer of the **State Bank of India,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/ mortgagors/ guarantors to repay their loan amount mentioned in their demand notices with further interest + incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notices. The details of the loan accounts of borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors such as name and address of the borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors, date of issue of demand notice, possession taken date, description of secured assets including present loan outstanding etc., are furnished hereunder against the name of each borrowers /mortgagors /guarantors:

A/c. No. 67093900732

1. Name of the Borrower : Sri.Suresh Warrier S/o K.Sudhakaran, No.3, Sy.No. 21/1, Mylasadra, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore-560059 and **also at:** 1)3/8, New Sarvottham 80c, S.V.Road, IRCA Bridge, Andheri (W), Mumbai-400058, 2) C/o DAMAC, PO.Box No. 2195, Dubai, UAE.

Demand Notice date: 07.09.2019 Possession taken date: 03.03.2021

Bank Dues: Rs. 45,50,157/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Fifty Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Seven Only) as on **03.03.2021** plus interest & expenses thereon.

Description of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of Residential premises bearing No.3, BBMP Katha No. 1607/3/21/1/1521/1587, (Old CMC Katha No. 152/3/21/1, formed out of converted site No. 21/1, vide conversion order bearing No. B.DIS.ALN.SR.(S) 262/2002-03 dated 21.12.2002) situated at Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now coming under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring to the extent of 1200 sq.ft together with the builtup area consisting of Ground floor measuring 800 sq.ft. First floor measuring 900 sq.ft in all measuring 1700 sq.ft with the Granite Flooring, Honne Wood Door and Wooden Windows held in the name of Sri. Suresh Warrier and bounded by: East : Road, West : Site No. 26, North : Site No. 02 and South : Site No. 04.

A/c. No. 64175129188, 64183251925

2) Name of the Borrower : (1) Sri.T.Suman S/o Sri. Sudhakar Reddy.T. No. 101/1, Mamata Nilaya, Munireddy Layout, Near Pragathi Public School, Bangalore-560048. And **also at:** G6 Technologies, No.216/2A, 3rd Floor, Zareen Heights, Nagavarapalya, C V Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560093.

Demand Notice date: 07.09.2019 Possession taken date: 03.03.2021

Bank Dues: Rs. 48,49,766/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Six only) as on **03.03.2021** plus interest & expenses thereon.

Description of Immovable Property: All that Piece and Parcel of the house property bearing Old Khata No. 214, Present BBMP Katha No. 511/178/A/179/2, (511, 178/4/A-179/2/A) comprised in converted Sy Nos. 178/4A & 179/2A, [converted from agricultural to non-agrcultural residential purpose vide Conversion order bearing No. ALN (E) SR (KR) 156/2005-06, dated 24.02.2010 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist. Bangalore], situated at Mahadevapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, earlier within the Jurisdiction of Mahadevapura CMC, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, and measuring East to West 177 feet, and North to South 75 feet, totally measuring 13,275 Sq.feet, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded by: East :Road, West : Private Property, North : Property belonging to M.Narayana Reddy, South : Private Property.

Schedule 'B': 253 Sq. feet Undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above.

Schedule 'C' : Flat bearing No.504, in the Fifth Floor, measuring 1048 Sq.feet super built up area, containing, Two bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring along with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, lift etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "Sree Sapthagiri Paradise" constructed over Schedule 'A' Property held in the name of Sri. T.Suman.

A/c. No. 64033163278

3) Name of the Borrower : (1) Sri.M.Mallaiah S/o Sri. Muniswamappa **2) Smt. Rajamma** W/o Sri.M.Mallaiah No.31, 2nd Cross, Manjunatha Layout, Behind Arakere, MICO Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076.

Demand Notice date: 07.09.2019 Possession taken date: 03.03.2021

Bank Dues: Rs. 20,53,369/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Nine only) as on **03.03.2021** plus interest & expenses thereon.

Description of Immovable Property: All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential House constructed on Site bearing No.164 of Old V.P.Katha No. 592-665/164, earlier Bommanahalli CMC Katha No.190, New Bommanahalli CMC Katha No. 830, Property No. 190/11/164 presently BBMP Katha No. 184/190/190/11/164 in the Layout formed by the Bank Officers Co-operative Housing Society Limited, at Doresanipalya, Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West (48+49)/2 feet and North to South 30 Feet in all the 1455 Square Feet or 161.666 Square Yards along with 12 Square of RCC in Ground Floor, 12 Square of RCC roofed Duplex house in First and Second floor, marble flooring, doors and windows are made of Teak and Honne wood, having civic amenities thereon building standing in the name of Sri. M.Mallaiah and bounded by: East : 30 feet Road, West : Private Property, North : Site No. 165, South : Site No. 163.

The above named borrowers/mortgagers/guarantors having failed to repay the entire loan amount as mentioned in their respective demand notices, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgagers/guarantors, and the public in general that, the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein above, in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the above mentioned dates.

The Borrowers/Mortgagers/Guarantors in particular, and the Public in General is hereby cautioned not to deal with aforesaid properties and any dealings with anyone of the said properties will be subjected to the charges of State Bank of India for related present loan outstanding amount as mentioned against the respective borrower's/guarantors/ mortgagers name with further interest accruals thereon.

The borrowers/mortgagors attention is invited to proviso of sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 03.03.2021 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore. **State Bank of India,**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our Client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property form (i) **Mrs. Savithramma, Mrs. Bharathi, Mr. Mallikarjuna, Mrs. Rekha and Mr. Surendra Babu all are legal heirs of late Mr. B. M. Srinivas, (ii) Mr. M. Nagaraj, (iii) Mr. M. Krishnappa @ Prakash, and (iv) Mr. M. Ramu** sons of late Mr. Muddappa all are residing at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk (**"Owners"**).

The Owners represent that they are the absolute owners and they are in possession of the Schedule Property and the Schedule Property is free from any kind of encumbrance, suits, and proceedings under any statute. Any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, gift, inheritance, bequest, possession, lis pendens, maintenance, easement, memorandum of understanding, agreement, power of attorney, option, right of first refusal, pre-emption or otherwise whatsoever is hereby required to notify the same in writing to the undersigned within a period of **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof thereof failing which our Client will treat the title of the Schedule Property as clear and marketable and will proceed to enter into the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential converted land bearing **Sy. No. 10/2** measuring 1 Acre and 10 Guntas (excluding 4 Guntas of 'B' Kharab) situated at **Nynanappannahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru** and bounded as follows: -

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IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I

No. 4, Residency Road, Opp. Cash Pharmacy, Near Bishop Cotton boys High School, Bengaluru-560025

O.A.NO.526/2020

Between :
Axis Bank Limited ...Applicant
AND
Mr. Jason Augustin & Others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,

1. Mr. Jason Augustin, S/o. Mr. Koilraj, Aged About 34 Years, No.09, 3rd Cross, Flower Garden, Babusapalya, Bangalore, Karnataka-560 043 **2. Sri. Venkatesh K,** S/o. Sri. Krishnamurthy, Aged About 48 Years, No.303, Multiperal Apartment, 17th Cross, Veeranapalya, Nagavara, Bangalore-560 045 **Also At: Sri. Venkatesh K,** No.12, 7th Cross, Athmananada Colony, Near Vivekananda Kendra, Dinnur Road, R T Nagar, Bangalore-560 032

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the Defendants for a recovery of a sum of **Rs.61,02,752/-** (Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two Rupees only) amount together with current and future interest cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **28.05.2021 at 10.30 am** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take Notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **4th day of March 2021.**

By order of Tribunal Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore

IN THE COURT OF THE XXV ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU

C. MISC NO. 665/2021

BETWEEN: SRI SIDDALINGA SWAMY S/o Late Mahalingappa @ Mahalingaiah, aged About 43 Years, R/at #753/287, 4th Main, 2nd Cross, Near Muni Bhechhamma Ashrama Road, Muneshwara Layout, Laggere, Bengaluru North Taluk, Peenya Small Industries, Bengaluru 560058. **...Petitioner**

AND: THE COMMISSIONER, Registrar of Birth and Death B.B.M.P Head Office, Bengaluru-560001... **Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the petitioner named above has filed the above petition seeking direction to The Commissioner, the Registrar of Births and Deaths, BBMP, Corporation Circle, Bengaluru to register the date of death of the deceased who is the petitioners father by name as **Sri Mahalingappa @ Mahalingaiah S/o Late Boregowda, was died on 08.12.2008 at E 286, 2nd Main Road, 2nd Cross, Muneshwara Layout, Laggere, Bengaluru-560 058** and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate.

It is required to produce the same before the concerned authorities for documentation, for transfer of Katha and for other legal purposes.

Any person interested and having objection in this matter, may appear before the above court at 11 am on **15-03-2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 19-02-2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, XXV, ACMM, Court, Bengaluru.

Address for Service:
CHIDANANDA PRAKASH B.N Advocate
J.N. ASSOCIATES,
No. 3, Shrimath Khadri Nivas, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Govt. College Road, SRS Road, Peenya New Extension, Bengaluru-560058.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II BANGALORE

No.4, 1st Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bangalore - 560 025

O.A.NO.799/2019

BETWEEN :

SYNDICATE BANK
(Now as Canara Bank) .....Applicant

V/S

Shreenidhi Manufactures .....DEFENDANTS

Summons issued under Rule 23(Viii) of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993 by paper publication to Defendants No.1

To,
1. M/s Shreenidhi Manufactures No.95 and 96, near Canara Bank, Opposite Deo Heights Layout, Begur, Bangalore District - 560068.
2. Smt. B.S.Suma, W/o K.S.Nagesh, Aged 45 years, Proprietor : M/s.Shreenidhi Manufactures R/o No.79, 9th Cross, Pavamana Layout, Kottige gere, Bangalore District 560083.

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under Section-19 of Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act 1993 against you for the recovery of a sum mentioned therein with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the tribunal at 10.30 a.m or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of Tribunal on **15.4.2021** to answer the claim.

1. You should file your registered address and memo of appearance when you enter appearance before the tribunal either in person or by a pleader / advocate duly instructed.

2. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned here in before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence. The application will be determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this day **19.1.2021.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
sd/-
SIGNATURE OF THE OFFICER
Authorized to issue summon

Directorate of Urban Land Transport Urban Development Department

Office of the Commissioner, Urban Land Transport
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E-mail: dultbangalore@gmail.com

No: DULT-DCIM0DLIB/1/2021 Date : 06.03.2021

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Sd/- Special Officer
Directorate of Urban Land Transport
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E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on " AS IS WHERE IS BASIS " and " AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date, Time & Place for Submission of Bid
1	30198653164279	1.M/s TKK Zippers and Threads India Pvt. Ltd. Represented by its Directors 2. Mr. Kishore Aggarwal, b) Mr. Stanley Kruz, 3. Mr. Kishore Aggarwal, b) Mr. Stanley Kruz	Demand Notice dated: 07/01/2020	Possession Notice dated: 02.06.2020	Rs.50,67,149/- (Rupess Fifty Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand One Hundred and Forty Nine Only) as on 05-03-2021	15.03.2021 Between 9.30 a.m to 5.30 p.m	Rs.22,50,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)	Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)	24-03-2021 at 11.30 a.m	23-03-2021 before 5pm at Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, 'Divyashree Chambers' # 11, O' Shaughnessy Road, 5th floor, 'A' Wing off Langford Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560025.

Property Description / Schedule: All that piece and Parcel of portion of property bearing Site No.40 formed in old Sy.No.45 after that 56, new Sy.No.56/3 old Khatha No.1295/56/3 now BBMP ward No.40 New BBMP Khatha No. B-5282, converted vide No.ALN(N)SR:11/2003-04 situated at Karivobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and in all measuring East to West 40 sq.ft and North to South 30 Sq.ft in all measuring 1200 sq.ft and **bounded on the: East By:** Site no 19, **West By:** 25 feet Road, **North By:** Site No. 39, **South By:** Private Property.

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" & "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger)** at the web portal **https://janabank.auctiontiger.net.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd.; Contact number : 09722778828 / 079- 68136854/51,55,56. E-Mail ids: praveen.thevar@auctiontiger.net**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact Jana Small Finance Bank officers **Mr. Harish S V (Mob No.9448458823) & Mr. Raghavendra.G (Mob No: 98451 33501)** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 05.03.2021, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c.Nos. CC-54002008531, SLC-54169685021, TL-54169681424, FITL-39642428303, FITL Cov-39642449367.

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **24.12.2020** calling upon the borrower: **Sri.Ashok G Kumar,** S/o N.Gopalakrishna, **Proprietor: M/s. Dieco Pressing and Tools** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.50,37,698/-** (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Eight only) as on 24.12.2020 and interest & expenses thereonwithin 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **05.03.2021.**

The borrowers/guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.54,09,628/-** (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs NineThousand Six Hundred and Twenty Eight only) as on 04.03.2021+ interest + expenses thereon.

The borrower's/ guarantor's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Absolute Sale deed : Regd Doc No.6052/2014-15 dated 23.03.2015 at SRO Laggere,(Rajajinagara), Bengaluru.

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing industrial converted Site bearing No.07, BBMP Katha No.565, formed out of land measuring 02 Acres 10 Guntas in Old Sy.No.48, New Sy.No.48/1 converted by the Deputy Commissioner vide order No.A.L.N.(N)(Y)SR/16/2013-14 dated 13.03.2014, situated at Karivobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and presently within the BBMP 40 limits, measuring East to West Northern Side:71'-11", Southern Side: 66'-09" and North to South: 50-0 Feet, standing in the name of Sri.Ashok G Kumar S/o. N.Gopalakrishna and bounded on East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No.06 and South by: Site No.08.

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Place:Bengaluru STATE BANK OF INDIA
Date: 05.03.2021 SSI Peenya IND Estate Branch, Bengaluru

Nagal goes down in quarterfinals

BUENOS AIRES: India's Sumit Nagal ran World No 46 Albert Ramos-Vinolas close before exiting the ATP Argentina Open after suffering a three-set defeat in the men's singles quarterfinal. He lost 6-4, 2-6, 5-7 in the contest that lasted two hours and 26 minutes.

SERIES BUBBLE-WRAPPED

After Washington's 96, Axar & Ashwin hand England innings defeat; India vs NZ in WTC final

SRINIDHI PR @Chennai

IT was inevitable but India wrapped up the series 3-1 against England inside three days to confirm their place in the World Test Championship (WTC) final. The journey that started way back in July 2019 has come entering the climax, with Virat Kohli & Co set to face New Zealand in June at Lord's for one last dance.

For a team that suffered a 0-2 defeat to New Zealand in February last year and then resumed their international assignment with a nightmarish performance of 36 all out in the first Test against Australia at Adelaide in mid-December, booking a ticket to the final looked like a distant dream. What transpired after the match has been nothing short of phenomenal. Twice in two series, the No 1 ranked Test side has come back from 0-1 down to clinch the trophy. From losing a slew of players to injuries, enduring body blows to save the match, India have found different stars at various junctures who put their hand up to take the team to the finish line.

Newcomers such as Mohammed Siraj, Shubman Gill, T Natarajan, Washington Sundar, Shardul Thakur, Axar Patel have all grabbed the opportunities with both hands to make the spots their own. Their performances have been game-changing to an extent that when the injured players come back to the side, it might be a strenuous task for the team management to include them in the squad.

India skipper Virat Kohli, Washington Sundar, Axar Patel, Mohammed Siraj and Rishabh Pant with the Anthony de Mello Trophy, at Motera on Saturday | SPORTZPICS

"Our bench strength is extremely strong and that's a good sign for Indian cricket," said the skipper Kohli after the day's play as India won the fourth Test by an innings and 25 runs at Ahmedabad.

"When the transition happens, the standards won't fall and Rishabh (Pant) and Washy's (Washington Sundar) partnership showed exactly that in a crucial juncture of the match. We had to pick up our body language after the first game in Chennai. Every team in international cricket is a quality side and we need to work hard to beat them, even at home. Keeping that intensity going is most important and is the hallmark of our team," he added.

Mind you, the last two series were not only a test of skill but also their mental toughness — an intangible asset that is more relevant in the current circumstances. In that regard, the Indian team proved their ability to rise above under pressure, eliminating all the distractions to give 100 per cent by living in a bio-secure environment.

It was understandable when R Ashwin's wife tweeted, "now break the bubble and come home already" as the all-rounder received the Man of the Series award. The off-spinner, who bagged his 30th five-wicket haul on Day 3, said: "Nobody wants to leave the Indian team bubble. You want to play as much as you can. But I feel the life inside the bio-bubble is not easy at all. You need to work on mental spirits and you need to constantly keep motivating yourself. The last eight months have been hard, yes. The team's morale and the bonding that we built because of these bio-bubbles has been special, in terms of understanding people."

SCOREBOARD

England 1st innings: 205 **India 1st innings (o/n 294-7)**: Washington (not out) 96, Axar (run out) 43, Ishant lbw Stokes 0, Siraj b Stokes 0, **Extras** (b10, lb6, nb3) 19, **Total** (114.4 ovs) **365. FOW**: 1-0, 2-40, 3-41, 4-80, 5-121, 6-146, 7-259, 8-365, 9-365. **Bowling:** Anderson 25-14-44-3, Stokes 27.4-6-89-4, Leach 27-5-89-2, Bess 17-1-71-0, Root 18-1-56-0.

England 2nd innings: Crawley c Rahane b Ashwin 5, Sibley c Pant b Axar 3, Bairstow c Rohit b Ashwin 0, Root lbw Ashwin 30, Stokes c Kohli b Axar 2, Pope st Pant b Axar 15, Lawrence b Ashwin 50, Foakes c Rahane b Axar 13, Bess c Pant b Axar 2, Leach c Rahane b Ashwin 2, Anderson (not out) 1, **Extras** (b4, lb8) 12, **Total** (54.5 ovs, all out) **135. FOW:** 1-10, 2-10, 3-20, 4-30, 5-65, 6-65, 7-109, 8-111, 9-134. **Bowling:** Siraj 4-0-12-0, Axar 24-6-48-5, Ashwin 22.5-4-47-5, Washington 4-0-16-0.

FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

ISL: NorthEast hold ATK in semifinal

MARGAO: There is something about the present bunch of NorthEast United FC players, who work their socks off under Khalid Jamil. Irrespective of the situation, they give it their all. They showed similar kind of character and spirit as the Highlanders scored a late winning goal to draw 1-1 against ATK Mohun Bagan in the first-leg semifinal on Saturday. If Mohun Bagan's David Williams scored the first goal in the 34th minute, Idrissa Sylla, who came in as a substitute in the second half, scored in the injury time.

Xhaka's mistake denies Arsenal win

LONDON: Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta refused to condemn Granit Xhaka after the midfielder's embarrassing mistake gifted Burnley a 1-1 draw. Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang put Arsenal ahead early on at Turf Moor, but Xhaka's farcical howler allowed Chris Wood to equalise before half-time. Axelsen 13-21, 19-21 in the semifinal of the men's singles. Xhaka foolishly tried to pass the ball out of his own six-yard box instead of clearing it and his miscued effort bounced off Wood into the Arsenal net. 0th placed Arsenal are now nine points behind fourth placed Chelsea.

Silver for wrestler Sarita, Vinesh in Rome final

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

THE women wrestlers have had a better outing at the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series in Rome with as many as two silver medals assured so far. Sarita Mor won 57kg silver, while Vinesh Phogat would be competing in the final later on Saturday. Asian champion Sarita defeated Kazakhstan's Altynay Satylgan 4-1 in the quarterfinal and then beat Emma Tissina of Kazakhstan by a fall in the semifinal. She, however, went down to 2-4 to Giullia Penalber of Brazil in the final.

Interestingly, India was unrepresented in the 62kg women's weight category after the last-minute withdrawal of Rio Olympic bronze medalllist Sakshi Malik.

Vinesh, the only Indian woman wrestler to qualify for the Olympics so far, entered the 53kg final. She started with a 4-0 win against compatriot Nandini Salokhe. She then entered the final as her second opponent was injured while the third one forfeited the bout. The Haryana wrestler registered a win by fall (4-0) over Samantha Leigh Stewart of Canada to enter the summit clash where she will meet Canada's Diana Mary Helen Weicket. Nandini will play Samantha in the bronze medal bout late on Saturday.

Greco-Roman wrestler Kuldeep Malik won bronze in 72kg. In the 57kg weight category, Anshu Malik lost 7-10 to Penalber in the semifinals after sustaining an injury. She later conceded her bronze medal bout as well. India had secured three bronze medals in the Greco-Roman category on Friday.

Sakshi withdraws

India had gone unrepresented in the 62kg of women's wrestling in the event. Reason: Sonam Malik had withdrawn due to a head injury while Sakshi had ruled herself out at the last minute. And the consequence was Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) had to pay 500 euros to the organisers.

Earlier, four wrestlers had opted out of the event, but they communicated their decisions to the federation in time helping the latter to withdraw their names from the tournament.

"We were apprised of the decision only a few hours before the wrestlers boarded the flight," a WFI official said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

BACK IN ACTION

After a year, India women's team will take the field in Lucknow, against South Africa in a 5-match ODI series starting Sunday. Skipper Mithali Raj spoke on various aspects. A look at what she said...

Live on Star Sports 2/ Hotstar from 9am

On SA having edge: Clearly they had a game time, but we are playing after a gap. Having said that, we definitely have put in the efforts, trained ourselves, have these short camps, four days of sessions here. It doesn't look like we are rusty or anything ... the girls are excited to get on the field and start putting our best performances because it's time that we start our campaign for the World Cup, and start playing some cricket.

On Shafali Verma's exclusion: She is definitely in the scheme of things. We need to have a bit of patience and you'll see her very soon.

On the road to 2022 World Cup: This series is important in that context. We will try to see the composition of the team but also see that the team as a unit start to get that momentum right...the series is important for two reasons, one is to give the young players the right platform, to give them opportunities in the home condition. And at the same time, it's important to see that the core players get enough game time to develop that rhythm, and as a unit we come together.

On her preparation: It's just like how I prepare myself before any series, it's been no different. In terms of gametime, yes, we've not played any matches as such. But in terms of preparation at home or back in the academy, I've prepared myself.

EXPRESS READ

Sindhu enters Swiss Open summit clash

BASEL: PV Sindhu outclassed Mia Blichfeldt of Denmark and entered the women's singles final of the Swiss Open Super 300 on Saturday. Sindhu beat fourth seeded Blichfeldt 22-20, 21-10. She will face Spain's Carolina Marin. Meanwhile, Kidambi Srikanth lost to Victor Axelsen 13-21, 19-21 in the semifinal of the men's singles.

Vikas, Manish among six Indians in Boxam final

NEW DELHI: Six Indian male boxers, including Worlds medal winners Manish Kaushik (63kg) and Vikas Krishan (69kg), advanced to the finals of the 35th Boxam International Tournament in Castellon, Spain. In the women's section, Tokyo-bound Simranjit Kaur (60kg) and Pooja Rani (75kg) signed off with silver medals.

Youngsters make use of chances, come of age

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

ON Saturday, soon after the trophy presentation, Virat Kohli handed it over to Washington Sundar. Joining the all-rounder, whose unbeaten 96 helped India win the fourth Test in Ahmedabad, were Rishabh Pant, Axar Patel, Mohammed Siraj. Standing beside them was Virat Kohli. It is quite a telling frame. Beginning since the Boxing Day Test, all of them and Shubman Gill have become an integral part of the side and it is hard for India to move ahead without them.

Workload management, difficulties in living in a bio-bubble, where it is hard to bring in replacements, all had a role to play, but equally laudable is team management's faith to give opportunities to youngsters even when the likes of KL Rahul, Wriddhiman Saha, Mayank Agarwal were part of the squad. Instead of looking for solutions from outside the team, India believed the likes of Gill, Washington, Siraj who had integrated into the setup will provide them with balance. And the youngsters have not only responded by grabbing the opportunity, but have left their impression in two series wins.

For all the difficulties of living in a bio-bubble environment, it has provided ample time for the youngsters to pick the brain of senior players and support-staff. Though they have played crucial roles in victories, the team management and the senior players have allowed them the space to grow.

For example, India now believe warming the benches and being hard on Pant has not only helped him grow, but also helped them find an X-factor, who can change the course of the match. The manner in which the wicketkeeper has gone about his batting in Sydney, Brisbane, Chennai and Ahmedabad has been well received in the team. In a chat with *bcci.tv*, as Pant mentions that he has started to think a lot more about the team, Rohit Sharma intervenes to add: "We don't want you to think so much. We will think, there are others to think and do the planning. You just have to think little bit and play your game and that is what we want from you."

It hasn't been rosy all the time. India have been tough and hard where they need to be. Especially with regard to Pant, who landed in Australia expecting to play the limited-overs, was told he wouldn't get to take the field unless he works on his fitness. The result was that Pant had spent more hours in the training session than anyone else, taking one-on-one keeping drills with fielding coach R Sridhar. Running and strict diet pattern had resulted in him getting match fit in space of a month.

"We were hard on him because nothing comes easy. He was told under no uncertain terms that he should respect the game a little more. Got to lose a bit of weight, he has to work hard on his wicketkeeping. We know the talent he has and he is a genuine match-winner and he has responded. He has worked like hell, over the last three-four months and the results are showing," head coach Ravi Shastri said.

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SUNNY 50 YRS

Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar during the felicitation by the BCCI on the 50th anniversary of his Test debut on Day 3 of the fourth Test between India and England at Motera. He was given a commemorative Test cap | SPORTZPICS

Athletes, AFI credit Snesarev for India's growth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE sudden death of India's middle and long distance coach Nikolai Snesarev on Friday has plunged the athletics fraternity into shock. He was found dead in his hostel room at the (NIS) in Patiala. On Saturday, during the launch of the Ageas Federal Life Insurance New Delhi Marathon, AFI president Adille Sumariwalla initiated a minute of silence in the coach's memory while lauding the 72-year-old for his contributions towards Indian athletics.

"He changed the fortunes of our athletes in 2010 during the Commonwealth Games as well as Asian Games. A large part of our success is owed to him. We still cannot believe what happened," he said.

The coach from Minsk was credited for the success of women distance runners at the 2010 Asian Games in Guangzhou and the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi. At the 2016 Olympics, Lalitha Babar, another Snesarev trainee, reached the final of the steeplechase.

India's top long-distance runner Sudha said, "he was a hard taskmaster but always fought for us. From diet, to phone calls to training and recovery, he was particular about everything. He was one of the main reasons behind our success."

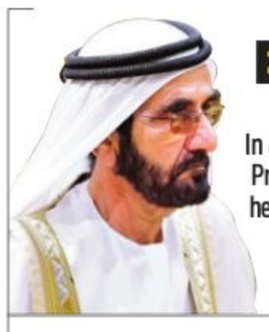
LOCAL EXPRESS

Tanish, Vidith create new meet records

BENGALURU: Tanish George Mathew and Vidith S Shankar starred on the second day of the state junior and senior swimming championship here on Saturday. Tanish set an impressive new meet record of of 55.59s and 1:53.31s in the boys 100m butterfly and 200m freestyle respectively while Vidith swam at 31.40s and 2:29.33s in the boys 50m and the 200m breaststroke to create another meet record. That was not it as Srihari Nataraj and Anvita A Gowda also created new records. Pooja Aquatic Center 1 also created a new record in the 4 x 200m girls freestyle.

Khuba stars in Bangalore Occasionals win

BENGALURU: Bangalore Occasionals players came up with an impressove all-round performance to beat Malleswaram Gymkhana by 230 runs in the KSCA Group I - I, II and III division U-16 year inter club tournament. Harshawardhan Khuba delivered his A game, scoring 103 runs off 109 balls, which included ten fours. Aarav Shriyan also contributed as he added 54 runs, helping his team end up with 306/6 in 50 overs. Malleswaram were all out for 76 as Siddhanth Navale Shikhar Shetty and Siddharth A scalped two wickets each.



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L'AFFAIRE LATIFA

In a series of secretly-recorded videos sent to her friends after her failed attempt to escape from the UAE in 2018, Princess Latifa claimed her father Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum (pictured on the left) was holding her hostage. She alleged royal guards drugged her and blocked access to the outside world. Her instructor-turned friend Tiina Juahiainen's efforts brought the case to the notice of the UN, whose demands for proof of Latifa being alive have not been met by the Sheikh yet. Here's a look at the story so far

JUNE 2002

Latifa's first escape bid when she was 16. She tried to get across the border of UAE and Oman; caught and brought back to Dubai, where she was jailed for three years and four months. Put under solitary confinement and subjected to torture. In 2010, Tiina Jauhiainen was hired to teach Latifa a Brazilian martial art, and they become close friends. Latifa's movements continue to be restricted

2011

Latifa established contact with Herve Jaubert, a French businessman, who years before had escaped Dubai after being convicted in absentia of embezzlement. Over the next few years, they planned her escape and Tiina was enlisted as an aide and go-between. In Feb 2018, Latifa recorded her 'just in case' video documenting her life and plans and sent it to trusted people with instructions to publish it if the escape fails. On Feb 24, Latifa and Tiina took a 26-mile trip by inflatable boat and jet ski to international waters, where Jaubert was waiting in a US-flagged yacht. They had planned to head to India, from where Latifa hoped to fly to the US and claim political asylum. On March 4, eight days into the journey, Indian special forces board the boat off the coast of India. Latifa is dragged off the boat. Tiina and the crew are detained in the UAE before being released two weeks later. An anti-UAE pressure group released her video

DECEMBER 2018

Latifa spotted for the first time after the failed escape bid. She is seen alongside Mary Robinson (pictured below), a former UN human rights commissioner. In early 2019, a stranger contacts Tiina, claiming to be an emissary from Latifa. Helps her begin direct talks with the princess. Latifa begins recording video messages on a phone smuggled to her, describing her harsh solitary confinement

In a recent interview with the *BBC*, Tiina said the contact that was established through a smuggled phone has stopped. Tiina's interview prompted calls for a UN probe. In Feb, the UN confirmed it had asked the UAE for proof that Latifa was alive. But on Friday, it said that there had been no progress

THE PROTAGONIST

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum (71) is the billionaire ruler of Dubai and vice-president of the United Arab Emirates. He is known for overseeing the transformation of Dubai into a top business and tourism destination and his connection to horseracing, as the owner of the Godolphin stables

LINEAGE: Third of the four sons of Sheikh Rashid Al Maktoum, who ruled Dubai for 32 years from 1958

EDUCATION: Moved to the UK in 1965 and studied at a language school in Cambridge. The young Sheikh later attended a six-month training court at the British Army's Mons Officer Cadet School in Aldershot, Hampshire

*** AFTER THE UAE GAINED INDEPENDENCE FROM THE UK IN 1971, SHEIKH MOHAMMED WAS NAMED DEFENCE MINISTER — A POSITION HE STILL HOLDS**

The botched-up escape

"I'm free", Latifa had declared in a WhatsApp message to a friend soon after embarking on her freedom voyage. Tiina and she had a simple plan: sail across the Indian Ocean, and then fly to the US and seek political asylum

08 DAYS LATER...

Near the coast of India, armed men believed to be of Indian Navy, boarded the boat. The friends hid in the bathroom until smoke grenades forced them up to the deck "Latifa was screaming and kicking. She kept saying 'don't take me back to the UAE. Just shoot me here'," Tiina said. It was the last time she saw her friend

Other notable escapees

- On April 15, 2019, Princess Haya, the second "official wife" of Sheikh Mohammed, escaped from Dubai to the UK with her two children, reportedly in fear for her life. Haya, who became the Sheikh's sixth wife in April 2004, is his only spouse with a public profile

- Princess Latifa's older sister Shamsa escaped while on holiday in July 2000 with other members of the Sheikh's family at their Surrey estate. The Sheikh launched a search for her, but did not inform the police – his men tracked her down in Cambridge over a month later. In an email to her solicitor, Shamsa said she was bundled into a car by four Arab men and driven to her father's house in Newmarket, where she was injected and given tablets. The next morning, she was flown back to Dubai on a private plane

Europe virus surge driven by speedy variants

No light at end of tunnel even after a year, says official; continent sees 9% rise in weekly cases, with ICUs filling up

HEALTH

MILAN: The virus swept through a nursery school and an adjacent elementary school in the Milan suburb of Bollate with amazing speed. In a matter of just days, 45 children and 14 staff members had tested positive.

Genetic analysis confirmed what officials already suspected: The highly contagious coronavirus variant first identified in England was racing through the community, a densely packed city of nearly 40,000 with a chemical plant and Pirelli bicycle tire factory a 15-minute drive from the heart of Milan.

"This is the demonstration that the virus has a sort of intelligence. ... We can put up all the barriers in the world and imagine that they work, but in the end, it adapts and penetrates them," lamented Bollate Mayor Francesco Vassallo. "People are starting to get tired that after a year there is no light at the end of the tunnel."

Bollate was the first city in Lombardy, the northern region that has been the epicenter in each of Italy's three surges, to be sealed off from neighbors because of mutant versions that the World Health Organization says are now powering another uptick in infections across Europe. The variants also include versions first identified in South Africa and Brazil. Europe recorded 1 million new Covid-19 cases last week, an increase of 9% from the previous week and a reversal that ended a six-week decline, WHO said on Thursday.

A microbiologist in France studies samples of the UK virus variant | AP

"The spread of the variants is driving the increase, but not only,'' said Dr. Hans Kluge, WHO regional director for Europe, citing "also the opening of society, when it is not done in a safe and a controlled manner." The UK variant is spreading significantly in 27 European countries and is dominant in at least 10: Britain, Denmark, Italy, Ireland, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Israel, Spain and Portugal.

It is up to 50% more transmissible than the virus that surged last spring and again in the fall, making it more adept at thwarting measures that were previously effective, WHO experts warned.

"That is why health systems are struggling more now," Kluge said. "It really is at a tipping point. We have to hold the fort and be very vigilant."

South Africa variant

While the UK variant is dominant in France, the variant first detected in South Africa has emerged as the most prevalent in the Moselle region, which borders German and Luxembourg. It represents 55% of the virus circulating there.

The South Africa variant also is predominant in a district of Austria that extends from Italy to Germany, with Austrian officials announcing plans to vaccinate most of the 84,000 residents there to curb its spread.

Wildfires' $PM_{2.5}$ more harmful than other kinds

ENVIRONMENT

NEW YORK: Fine particles in wildfire smoke can be several times more harmful to human respiratory health than particulate matter from other sources such as car exhaust.

While this distinction has been previously identified in laboratory experiments, a new study in *Nature Communications* confirms it at the population level.

This study reveals the risks of tiny airborne particles with diameters of up to 2.5 microns, about one-twentieth that of a human hair.

These particles -- termed $PM_{2.5}$ -- are the main component of wildfire smoke and can penetrate the human respiratory tract, enter the bloodstream and impair vital organs.

"There is a daily threshold for the amount of PM2.5 in the air that is considered acceptable by the county and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)," said researcher Rosana Aguilera from University of California - San Diego.

"The problem with this standard is that it doesn't account for different sources of emission of $PM_{2.5}$," Aguilera added. To isolate wildfire-produced $PM_{2.5}$ from other sources of particulate pollution, the researchers defined exposure to wildfire $PM_{2.5}$ as exposure to strong Santa Ana winds with fire upwind.

The Tibetan spiritual leader leaves the Zonal Hospital in Dharmsala after the first dose on Saturday | PTI

Dalai Lama administered vaccine shot

MEDICINE

DHARMSALA: The Dalai Lama, the 85-year-old Tibetan spiritual leader, was administered the first shot of the coronavirus vaccine on Saturday at a hospital in the north Indian hill town of Dharmsala.

After receiving the injection, he urged people to come forward, be brave and get vaccinated.

"In order to prevent some serious problems, this injection is very, very helpful," he said. Dr. G.D. Gupta of Zonal Hospital, where the shot was administered, told reporters that the Dalai Lama was observed for 30 minutes afterward. Ten other people who live in the Dalai Lama's residence were also vaccinated, Gupta said. All eleven received the Covishield vaccine.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Great apes immunised

CONSERVATION

Nine great apes at San Diego Zoo have become the first non-human primates given Covid-19 vaccinations, officials at the California zoo said. Four orangutans and five bonobos were given two doses each of an experimental vaccine created specifically for animals by a veterinary pharmaceutical company. The inoculations were carried out after eight gorillas at the same zoo contracted the virus from human staff in Jan. Nadine Lamberski, a conservation and wildlife health officer at San Diego Zoo Global, said the use of an experimental vaccine on the zoo's animals at this stage "isn't the norm."

CDC CORONAVIRUS STUDY SHEDS LIGHT ON DINING OUT

RESEARCH

NEW YORK: A new national US study adds strong evidence that mask mandates can slow the spread of the coronavirus, and that allowing dining at restaurants can increase cases and deaths. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the study late on Friday.

"All of this is very consistent," CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said during a briefing. "You have decreases in cases and deaths when you wear masks, and you have increases in cases and deaths when you have in-person restaurant dining." The study was released just as some states are rescinding mask mandates and restaurant limits. Earlier this week, Texas became the biggest state to lift its mask rule, joining a movement by many governors to loosen Covid restrictions.

"It's a solid piece of work that makes the case quite strongly that in-person dining is one of the more important things that needs to be handled if you're going to control the pandemic," said William Hanage, a Harvard University expert on disease dynamics who was not involved in the study.

The new research builds on smaller CDC studies, including one that found that people in 10 states who became infected in July were more likely to have dined at a restaurant and another that found mask mandates in 10 states were associated with reductions in hospitalisations.

The CDC researchers looked at counties placed under mask mandates and at counties that allowed restaurant dining — both indoors and at tables outside. The study looked at data from March through Dec 2020.

Mask mandates were associated with reduced transmission, and improvements in new cases and deaths increased as time went on.

The reductions in growth rates varied from half a percentage point to nearly 2 percentage points. That may sound small, but the large number of people involved means the impact grows with time, experts said.

JOURNEY BEGINS

NASA's Perseverance rover hits dusty red road on Mars

SPACE

CAPE CANAVERAL: NASA's newest Mars rover hit the dusty red road this week, putting 21 feet on the odometer in its first test drive.

The Perseverance rover ventured from its landing position Thursday, two weeks after setting down on the red planet to seek signs of past life.

The roundabout, back and forth drive lasted just 33 minutes and went so well that more driving was on tap Friday and Saturday for the the six-wheeled rover. "This is really the start of our journey here," said Rich Rieber, the NASA engineer who plotted the route. "This is going to be like the Odyssey, adventures along the way, hopefully no Cyclops, and I'm sure there will be stories aplenty written about it."

In its first drive, Perseverance went forward 13 feet, took a 150-degree left turn, then backed up 8 feet. During a news conference Friday, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, shared photos of its tracks over and around small rocks. "I don't think I've ever been happier to see wheel tracks and I've seen a lot of them," said engineer Anais Zarifian.

Flight controllers are still checking all of Perseverance's systems. So far, everything is looking good. The rover's 7-foot robot arm, for instance, flexed its muscles for the first time Tuesday. Before the car-size rover can head for an ancient river delta to collect rocks for eventual return to Earth, it must drop its so-called protective "belly pan" and release an experimental helicopter named Ingenuity. As it turns out, Perseverance landed right on the edge of a potential helicopter landing strip — a nice, flat spot, as per Rieber. So the plan is to drive out of this landing strip, ditch the pan, then return for Ingenuity's test flight.

The Perseverance rover ventured from its landing position on Thursday, two weeks after touchdown | NASA

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